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FORMER AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GREAT JOE PISANO (left corner) returns to the gridiron for the coin ceremony prior to the Agawam-West Springfield contest on Thanksgiving. In center, former AHS linebacker Bob Striniste, who also had the honor with Pisano, looks on. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

"Joltin" Joe Pisano Recalls His "Big Day" With West Side

Agawam Takes West Side, 13-6
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By Chris Hout

An old friend returned to the gridiron on Thanksgiving Day.

The familiar face standing in the middle of Harmon Smith Field during the coin-flipping ceremonies prior to the annual Agawam-West Side game was none other than "Joltin" Joe Pisano - the same Joe Pisano who thrilled Agawam followers in the late 30's and early 40's with his exploits in Agawam football.

He's probably the greatest running back in the school's long and honored tradition.

Pisano, along with former linebacking great Bob Striniste, were chosen to flip the coin at the outset of the annual Thanksgiving day get-together between the two ancient rivals.

"I still get very excited about the Agawam-West Springfield rivalry," said Pisano. "It brings back a lot of fond memories of my football days here."

Pisano has given West Side alumni memories they wish to forget. In 1940, Pisano destroyed the Terriers by amassing 5 touchdowns in their season finale, a record that still stands to this day.

"I remember that day very well," recalls Pisano. "The playing field was in horrible shape. It had been raining for about two days. By the time the game was over you couldn't even see the numbers on our jerseys because of the mud. But our guys played a super game that day. I'll never forget it."

Pisano, a three time All-Western Mass. selection, was chosen Most Valuable Players in Western Mass. for the 1940 campaign. The former Brownie great scored a remarkable 157 points that year, a record which stood for 17 years (Superintendent of Schools James V. Bruno broke it in 1957).

To this day, Pisano can be seen every Saturday at Harmon Smith Field or even on the road watching "his" team play during the months of September, October and November.

"I haven't missed an Agawam game in 20 years," said Pisano. "To me there is nothing greater than

Agawam football. I see a lot of my old friends at the games."

Pisano is still very active in Brownie football these days. "Joltin" Joe is a member of the AHS Football Booster Club, an organization that raises money for the team to help defray the costs of equipment, transportation, scholarships and other various necessities.

Pisano is a former member of the Lettermen's Club, an Agawam booster club in the 1960's. He is also a former School Committee member.

Following his days at Agawam High playing under the legendary Harmon Smith, Pisano attended North Carolina State with a football scholarship. Pisano played two seasons under head coach Hermann Hickmann who is better known for his collegiate coaching days at Army.

Pisano left the college after his sophomore year due to the breakout of World War II. He attained the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

Some observers feel that Pisano would have inked a professional football contract if his collegiate career had not been interrupted by the war.

"I think I probably could have played pro ball," said the likable Pisano. "But I'll never know for sure. Playing for Agawam and NC State was enough satisfaction for me."

Joe stayed active in football following the war, playing for the semi-professional Agawam AA's in 1947. The team won the league title that year with many of Pisano's former high school mates making up its membership.

"It's been loads of fun over the years and it's great to see that Agawam football program is again carrying the winning tradition."

By the way, Agawam defeated West Springfield 13-6 on Turkey Day and Pisano, as usual, was in his regular seat under the press box cheering on the hometowners.

Solitario Condos Proposed Again

By Stuart Parker

Local Developer Frank Solitario's third proposal to build a major condominium complex at Hubbard's Corner, at the intersection of Suffield and South Streets, has already brought with it negative reaction from at least one Precinct 6 councilor.

Still Against It

In reference to the 500-unit - \$20 million project, councilor Alfred Trehey said, "I've been against it before, and I will continue to be against it."

The request for a zone change on the 90 acres of property from agricultural-residential A-2 to multi-family unit housing A-3, has come before the council twice before.

On the first occasion with a much larger project, Solitario withdrew his proposal after it was evident the developer would not receive the necessary 10 votes to grant the zone change.

Two years ago Solitario received 8 votes of the council when he again brought the proposal before the 15-member body. He received favorable reports from both the Planning Board and Conservation Commission at that time.

Trehey would not guess if the 1982 council would deliver the ten votes needed for the zone change. But he did say, "I hope they'll be cautious. The people in this area don't want condominiums."

Solitario's latest proposal will again follow the same municipal process. The Planning Board and Conservation Commissions will review his proposal and then forward recommendations to the council who have final word on the matter.

Again, reactions from neighboring residents is expected to be stiff. The council is scheduled to forward the proposal to both town planning agencies at their December 7 meeting.

Developers Absorb Cost

Solitario has said in the past that the developers would absorb sewer construction costs although opposition has cited that increased traffic in the area along with strains on other municipal services makes the project a burden on the community.

Opponents have also used possible drainage problems for area homeowners that may be created by such a major development as another reason for their dissent.

Town Needs Tax Base

Proponents argue that the community needs to build a tax base and that the condominium units as proposed by Solitario would add to that base and also bring into the community middle-upper income people, which will help local merchants.

Solitario declined comment on his proposal when contacted.

Substitute Teachers Sought For Schools

With the onset of the winter months and an increase in sickness, there has developed a greater need for substitute teachers at all grade levels in the Agawam schools.

Any person with a bachelor's degree from a college or university is eligible to do substitute teaching. Anyone who meets this requirement and who is interested in this type of work should contact the office of the superintendent of schools.

An orientation session will be held for all those interested who are unfamiliar with substitute teaching. If you do have the requirements and have available time, even half days, the School Department would welcome your inquiries. Not only will you be providing a service to our schools, but you will have an opportunity to earn some extra money.

The orientation session is scheduled for those interested on Tuesday, December 8th, at the Junior High School cafeteria, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, at 10 a.m.



MRS. MARY CHAREST was recently appointed as an assistant principal at the Agawam High School. She received a strong recommendation from Superintendent of School James V. Bruno.

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Other candidates interviewed by the board at that meeting were Paul Cavallo, guidance department chairman, and Kevin Littlefield, a math teacher at Agawam Junior High School.

Mrs. Charest earned her bachelor's degree from St. Joseph's College in West Hartford with a French major. She obtained a master's in secondary school administration from Westfield State College and has accumulated 21 credits toward a 6th-year level. She has taught languages at both the Junior and Senior High Schools prior to being named department chairman this year.

Mrs. Charest is married to Agawam native Leonard Charest, and they live with their two children in West Springfield.

At their November 24th meeting, the School Committee unanimously appointed Mrs. Mary Charest as assistant principal of Agawam High School effective the next day. The 17-year veteran of the school system will assume the position vacated with the promotion to principal of John Morrissey, who recently replaced the late David Theodorowicz.

Mrs. Charest served as acting assistant from March through August of this year and was then reappointed in October. She becomes the first woman ever to hold a secondary-level administrative post in the Agawam School System.

In recommending Mrs. Charest to the School Committee, Superintendent of Schools James Bruno Jr. cited her strong performance as acting assistant during "difficult times." He referred to her experience with evaluations, curriculum, and budget and noted she was the top choice of both Assistant Superintendent Paul Tatro and Principal John Morrissey, both of whom interviewed her on an initial screening basis.

Strong Performance Cited...
**Charest Gets
Assistant's Nod**

By Joanne Brown

ABC Hears Local Liquor Appeal

By Stuart Parker

The State Alcoholic Beverage Commission in Boston heard an appeal by Carlo Jr. and Mary Bonavita, owners of the Carmel Corner building on the corners of Suffield and Elm Street, on the November 7 awarding of the town's only available liquor license to the Courthouse Racquetball Club.

Liquor Commissioners Joseph Dahdah, Richard DiLullo and John Chriscola awarded the license on an unanimous vote.

Several Days Before Decision

Though it will be several days before the ABC renders its decision, Carlo Bonavita Sr. expressed doubt that the ruling would favor the proposed Italian-American restaurant which would occupy the now vacant Carmel Corner building.

If the appeal fails, Bonavita said he will consider an appeal to the State Supreme Court.

Ralph DePalma, a principal owner of the Courthouse Racquetball Club, said he remains confident that the ABC will uphold the Liquor Commission's decision. DePalma said the Liquor Commission based their decision on the fact that the Courthouse facility was ready for the public and that the principal owners put an \$1 million investment into the club.

"I think the Liquor Commission took into consideration that we invested a lot of money into the club and that we as responsible business owners would use the license properly for the benefit of our club's membership."

Judges Chambers

If the Courthouse receives liquor license, as approved by the town's Liquor Commission, alcoholic beverages will be served in the "Judges Chambers" Restaurant, located inside the sprawling facility.

DePalma said the appeal has held the club's license for an additional two weeks.

Of the club's more than 1,000 members, DePalma said, "Many have approached us about the matter and have offered to sign a petition in show of their support for the liquor license."

While there seems no doubt that either party would run a proper establishment, the November 7 decision, said Liquor Commission Chairman Joseph Dahdah, was swung by the \$1 million investment the Courthouse put into the construction, whereas the Carmel Corner building has not been renovated to serve as a restaurant.

Dahdah said he was surprised by Bonavita's appeal, and again noted that commissioners had awarded the license to the Courthouse by unanimous decision.

According to Bonavita, he based his appeal on the fact that, "We're sound businessmen and are appealing as businessmen, not with any personal vendetta attached. We have a good case."

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Industrial Growth Issue Concerns New Councilor Lacienski

By Stuart Parker

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the third part of our series in interviewing new members of Town Council, Precinct 2 councilor Daniel Lacienski offers some comments on issues facing his precinct.

Daniel Lacienski emerged victorious in his first bid for councilor from Precinct 2 which had the heaviest voter turnout on November 3 and the hottest political issue in town: whether residents under the Phase II sewer project should have to pay a new betterment assessment after completion of sewer construction.

Each of Precinct 2 candidates, incumbents Walter T. Kerr and William Herd, and the then-challenger Daniel Lacienski, received more votes than any other candidate running for a precinct seat in the town. Lacienski placed behind Kerr and handily defeated Herd. Lacienski and Kerr worked hard with the sewerless homeowners and pledged their support to rescind the ordinance that requires betterment assessment. They each won the election.

Lacienski remains firm in his determination to have the ordinance rescinded, saying, "The special betterment assessments must go and I will continue to work in that direction as I promised in the campaign."

No more needs to be said about Lacienski's position here. And no matter what happens, the councilor-elect said he will remain good on his campaign pledge.



COUNCILOR-ELECT DANIEL LACIENSKI

Lacienski also voiced concern in another area which is often on the minds of many Agawam residents, both pro and con; the future of Agawam in terms of residential and industrial development.

"Agawam is in a state of limbo," Lacienski said. He compared Agawam to the residential Longmeadow and the industrially saturated West Springfield, each neighboring communities. "It's time to take a stand and give Agawam some direction for the future," he said.

Lacienski said the town would have to accept industrialization if they wish for town services to continue without added municipal taxes. If the town wishes to maintain Agawam as a primarily residential community, "then we must expect higher taxes," he pointed out.

"No one can blame the farmer who works hard all his life, then makes some money by selling his land to a developer. And no one can blame the people who want the land to stay open."

Added Lacienski, "But it's important to realize that someday something is going to happen to that land that stays open."

Lacienski felt a commitment by Town Council and voters would be difficult to attain on the matter of whether Agawam should opt for an industrialized or residential future. He said that "mandate" however will help to relieve many of the tensions which occur whenever the question hits the public spotlight.

He said he hoped to receive citizen feed-back to guide him through such difficult but important decisions.

Lacienski regrets that planning for the future growth of the town had not begun in the 1950's to prevent what he termed "suburban sprawl." He offered several additional opinions of the current development issues facing the town.

"If condominiums are to become a way of life, then a separate zone classification should be established to keep them from becoming apartments if they don't sell," the councilor-elect said.

As for industrial development of the Bowles Airport property, Lacienski expressed hesitation. "Whether or not I support it depends on how much money the town has to put up front and what our return would be."

Lacienski, who is president of an East Longmeadow medical services corporation, said the "bottom line" to developing the park "is return to the community through taxes and jobs."

Lacienski said that area streets around the Bowles property are not suited for heavy traffic and no access by railroad is near the property. "There are several questions I have that need to be answered, such as what inducements will we have to use to lure business to that site? What will be needed from our schools? What tax arrangements will have to be made?"

Said he, "I'm not ready to chuck the idea; I see no other alternatives."

Lacienski is the Executive Vice-President of the Agawam Athletic Association and is the former chairman of the Agawam Town Parade Committee. He also is a former board member of the Sacred Heart Athletic Association.

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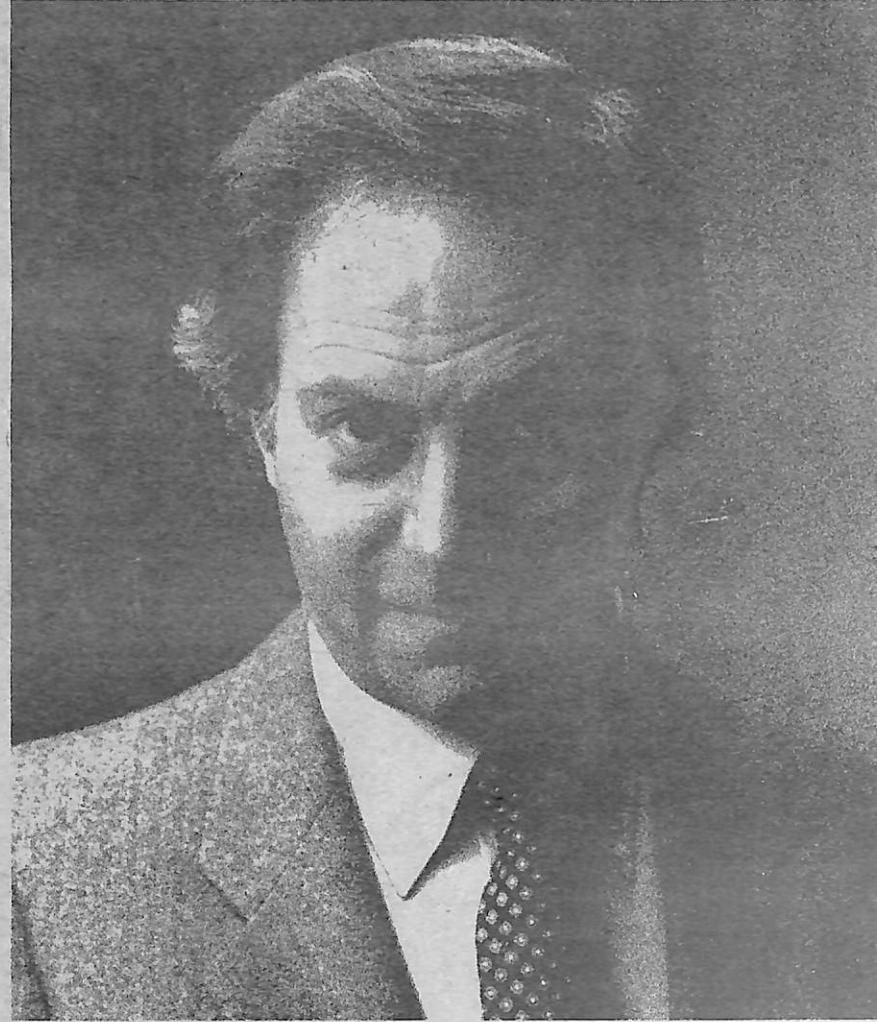
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The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael C. Acquaro of 32 Rhodes Avenue, Feeding Hills, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Gendron of Hamilton Circle, Feeding Hills.

The bride wore a 32-year-old satin beaded gown which had been worn by her mother and a crown for a headpiece.

Sisters of the bride, Mrs. Annette Whitney and Mary Ann Acquaro, served as matron and maid of honor. Bridesmaids were sisters of the groom, Mrs. Dianne Cogswell and Laura Gendron.

Standing as best man was brother of the bride, Michael Acquaro Jr., and ushers were brother of the bride, Lt. Thomas Acquaro, brother-in-law of bride, Richard L. Whitney, and Robert Stromberg. Ringbearer was the bride's nephew, Richard M. Whitney.

A reception at the NCO Club at Westover in Chicopee followed the ceremony. The couple enjoyed a honeymoon trip to Florida.

Clearinghouse Thanks Donors

The Agawam Clearinghouse, under the direction of the Agawam Junior Women's Club, would like to thank the following churches, civic groups, and schools who helped make the holidays brighter for several families and elderly residents.

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Susan Borelli
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Agawam Man Engaged To West Sider

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Borelli of 324 Sibley Avenue, West Springfield, announce the engagement of their daughter Susan to Stephen H. Morawski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Morawski of 20 Doane Avenue, Agawam.

The bride-elect graduated from West Springfield High School and Holyoke Community College. She is employed as a medical secretary to the chief of Pulmonary Services at Baystate Medical Center, Springfield unit.

Her fiance graduated from Agawam High School and the University of Massachusetts. He is employed by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company and is enrolled in the master's degree program at Western New England College.

A spring wedding is planned.

UNICO Schedules Christmas Party

Agawam UNICO will hold its Christmas party at Chez Josef on Wednesday, December 9th. Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will precede champagne, filet mignon and dancing until midnight. The event is open to the public.

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The staff and residents at Heritage Hall want to thank everyone who attended the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday. It was a huge success. There were many baked goods, none of which seemed to stay on the tables very long. There were some lovely hand made items in the ceramic area, crocheting, knitting, painting, woodworking and more. For those that wanted to get a little lunch, that was available too. So many thanks to everyone who made it a success.

On Thursday, December 10th, a happy birthday goes to 2 year old ALBERT CAVALIERO, Jr. In case the name isn't familiar to you, he is the son of ALBERT and THERESA CAVALIERO, owners of Cavey's Restaurant on Springfield Street. In honor of their son's birthday, the Cavalieros cordially invite the public to an open house at the restaurant on that day from 5 - 7 p.m. It will be an opportunity for you to try their pizza and calzones.

Special thanks going out to NANCY HALLEN of the Agawam Youth Services from the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. The group of youngsters that went to the skate-a-thon from the Youth Center raised \$187.50. There were many other Agawam youngsters who skated for the Foundation and in total the Foundation raised approximately \$5,000. This means a lot to the Foundation and all those who suffer from juvenile diabetes. So all of you Agawam participants should feel proud of yourselves. Congratulations.

Recently returning from South Dakota where he is serving as a First LT. in the United States Air Force was HAROLD C. STUART, son of Mr. and Mrs. PERRY STUART of Roberta Circle, Agawam. Hal is a 1974 graduate of Agawam High School and entered the Air Force from the ROTC program at the University of Massachusetts.

Hal is a Missile Launch Officer and works underground most of the time in South Dakota. He is awaiting a promotion to a captain in the near future. Hal came home to serve in the wedding party of a close friend. Good luck to Hal in his military career.

On the subject of Christmas bazaars, here is a little reminder. This column is called "Friends and Neighbors." Remember - when you are going to do your holiday shopping, you have many friends and neighbors right here in Agawam to help fill your list. There are a number of bazaars going on each weekend from now until Christmas and they are all for a worthy cause, thus allowing you to shop for Christmas and know you are helping out in some way as well.

Don't forget - our merchants here in town who are also our friends and neighbors deserve your business. Save yourself some gas - before you go out to the malls and big shopping areas, look around the community and see if you can't find what you are looking for right here.

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NANCY EDWARDS of Heritage Hall North Building and Mary O'Brien-Bernini, enjoy an afternoon at the Nursing Home's annual Christmas Bazaar. See "Friends and Neighbors. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

American Legion Sponsors Sale Of New Toys

Wilson Thompson Post 185, American Legion, has announced a giant toy sale for the benefit of the children's Christmas party. New toys will be offered at a savings to those who purchase them.

The sale will be held Friday, December 4th, from 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, December 5th, from 2 to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, December 6th, from 2 to 4 p.m. The public is welcome.

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PWP Plans Events

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PWP will hold an orientation at the Rodeway Inn on Monday, December 21st, at 7 p.m. Prospective members who join at this meeting will be admitted free to the record hop which will follow. A general membership meeting will follow the orientation at 8 p.m. The meeting is open to the public, but the record hop is not.

PWP will hold an orientation at Faith Church, corner of Sumner Avenue and Fort Pleasant Street, Springfield, on Tuesday, December 29th at 8 p.m. Prospective members may learn about the organization and join if they so desire.

Sale & Luncheon

The Agawam United Methodist Church will hold a pre-Christmas sale and luncheon on December 5th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Luncheon menu includes soup, meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, green vegetable, bread and butter, beverage, and dessert. Adults will be charged \$3.25 and children under 12, \$2.00.

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Community Bank Names Mary Lyon Ass't Treasurer

Agawam resident Mary Lyon was elected an assistant treasurer at Community Bank's annual meeting held November 23rd in Holyoke. She is currently serving as branch manager at the bank's Liberty Street, Springfield, office and will continue in this role in addition to her new responsibilities.

A graduate of Agawam High School, Mrs. Lyon joined Community Bank in 1973 as a teller. In 1977, she was named head teller at the Liberty Street office and held that position until becoming branch manager of that office in 1979.

Mrs. Lyon is a member of the Savings Bank Women of Massachusetts and the Connecticut Valley Bank Forum. She is also active in community activities, including the United Way of Pioneer Valley and the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce.

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Mikki's Kitchen



By Michele Blair Pisano

The nights are really getting cold and a hearty casserole can hit just the right spot. One of my favorites has always been scalloped potatoes and pork chops. If you've never made scalloped potatoes and think it is too complicated, let me tell you a way that made me abandon the old fashioned way.

Please keep in mind that this recipe serves three to four and that you will have to adjust it to fit the size of your family.

Scalloped Potatoes And Pork Chops

- 4 thick cut pork chops
- 4 large potatoes
- 1/2 can cream of celery soup
- 3 pats butter
- 1 large sliced onion
- 1/4 cup milk
- Salt & pepper

Halve, quarter and slice potatoes. Slice onion and mix thoroughly with potatoes and salt and pepper. Place in an 8" X 8" casserole dish. Spoon soup over potato mixture. Pour milk over soup. Place pork chops on top of all this and dot with butter. Bake at 350° for one hour covered and 1/2-hour uncovered.

We can't forget that the mornings need something to take the chill off. There is nothing like a steaming cup of chocolate to warm up the morning. Pat McCarthy has given me a recipe for hot chocolate mix that is quite easy and tasty. Patty has been making this for years and assures me that her son Brian has given it his OK.

Hot Chocolate Mix

- 1 lb. 9 oz. Carnation Instant Mix
- 1 two-pound can Nestle's Quik
- 1 eight-ounce jar Cremora
- 1 cup powdered sugar

Mix all ingredients well and store in airtight container. To use, add three heaping tablespoons of mix to a cup of boiling water.

Please send your recipe or request to me at 39 Norris Street, Feeding Hills, 01030.

AHS Class Of 1962 Seeks Members For Reunion

The Agawam High School class of 1962 is planning a reunion to be held on October 2, 1982 and would like information concerning members the committee has been unable to locate.

Please contact Jane Cressotti Fazio at 789-1691 if you have any information on the whereabouts of the following class members:

Alan Clark, Clovis Goyette, Dean Jennings, James

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Family Nature Lore

By Kay Kudlinski

For you nature-lovers out there, your many requests for a column just for YOU will now be a regular feature of the *Advertiser/News*.

Feeding birds is an easy, inexpensive hobby that everyone in the family can enjoy. They will bring color and life to your home through the gray winter ahead. Now is the best time of year to start, for local birds are setting up their winter feeding territories. Later, they will be harder to attract.

A window feeder will lure many kinds of birds to your home, but dozens more will visit if you plan for their different tastes. Tiny birds can't always get their fill at a crowded feeder. Try a small, hanging feeder just for them. Suet feeders provide high energy food in the coldest months, and the woodpeckers and creepers you attract will repay you by eating insect eggs and larvae they find in your trees and garden. Some birds simply will not land on a feeder, but will flock to seed scattered on lawn or drive.

And lastly, all birds need water. You may wish to start with just one feeder, but the best feeder station has one of each: platform feeder, hanging feeder, suet bag, ground seed, and water.

The easiest platform feeder is a simple tray attached to a windowsill. It can be as much as a foot wide and needs a rim to hold seed against the wind. A nail or two in the sill and a couple of picture wires strung above will support a flock of birds. Be sure it is too high for an easy jump by a dog or cat.

Put a variety of foods on this tray. While local grocery stores sell bags of mixed seed, the Audubon Shop at Laughing Brook sells a high-quality, less expensive mix. Call for information at 566-8034. Add the chicken feed or cracked corn from a seed store and any scraps from your family table: cereals, fruit bits, cooked macaroni or potato, dog meal or broken biscuits. Birds enjoy doughnut crumbs or other fatty pastries, but store-bought bread is too low in food value to be good for them in cold weather.

An easy hanging feeder can be made from an empty gallon milk jug. Leave the lid screwed on, cut windows in the sides, and tie it up by the handle. Or wire a couple of old wooden salad bowls on a coat hanger, one as the roof, the other to hold seed. The cheery antics of the chickadees and titmice make it worthwhile to buy their favorite sunflower seed. They waste much of the mixed seed.

Animal and plant fats are the highest energy food for birds. Suet can be bought in supermarkets, but your own fat trimmings from meat, bacon rinds, and even bones with shreds of meat attached will attract the same birds at no extra expense. Hang these foods in a plastic mesh bag from onions or other produce.

Scatter your least expensive feed on the ground, for the squirrels are going to eat most of it. Since there is no truly squirrel-proof feeder, we may as well enjoy the inevitable visits of these lively rodents. Can your children tell them apart by size or by personality?

Birds have real trouble finding water in the winter when their normal sources freeze. If your budget won't cover a commercial birdbath, make one free by wiring an old garbage can lid or hub cap to a post in your yard. Fill the bottom with gravel so the water is no more than two inches deep and clean out the bath every day or so.



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Operation Friendship Prepares For Fair



THE MEMBERS OF OPERATION FRIENDSHIP were as busy as elves making wreaths and getting ready for their Holiday Fair on Saturday, December 12 at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church on North Westfield Street. Pictured from left to right are Mike White, Santa (Amanda Woodworth), and Dawn Gladu. The fair will run from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. with a corn chowder luncheon being served for \$1.50 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a roast beef supper (with seconds on us) for \$4.50 (adults) and \$2.25 (children under 12) being served continuously from 5 - 7 p.m. For reservations call 786-5061 or 786-5144. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Indoors, put up a list by the window so family members can record their "first sightings." Borrow a bird guide from the library. If it is used often, a book such as the Golden Field Guide to Birds of North America might be a good holiday gift for the family.

Once your feeding station is set up, plan to keep it full of seed and inexpensive scraps through spring. The birds will come to depend on you for food, and I think you will come to depend on them for the daily joy they bring your household. For more information or suggestions for future columns, call Kay at 739-1618.



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Planning Town Hall Christmas Party



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For Senior Citizens... New Beginnings

By Rita White

Well, the Christmas season is fully upon us as evidenced by the decorations sprouting up and the Christmas songs being played in the stores. Be sure and plan your needs for the holidays and try to space out your shopping and preparations so that you don't wear yourself out.

And remember, it isn't always necessary to go out and spend a lot of money on people. You should derive pleasure from your gift giving, not dread the bills coming in later. Give of yourself. I know I've mentioned before that you all have special talents that other would glad to benefit from. Some of you are excellent in the baking department, some are terrific gardeners, woodworkers, stitchers, etc.

Why not give a homemade gift to someone. It will mean a lot more since you put your own time and individuality in it. Perhaps you don't feel you are accomplished enough to give your creations away, you can always give of your time. Offer to baby-sit or pet-sit for a friend or family member. There are many ways to give without spending a lot of money. Enjoy the holiday season.

Fuel assistance applications are being taken by the Senior Center. If you qualify, give them a call and make arrangements to fill out the application. Also, be aware that you do not have to be a homeowner to qualify. There are some important renters who will qualify also. So be sure and check into this.

For those seniors who missed out on the chance to see the Stage West production, *Talley's Folly* this weekend, you still have a second chance to see the play. You may attend the matinee next Saturday, December 12th for the small price of \$5. However, you must call the Senior Center and make your reservations by Monday, December 7. Don't miss out on this chance to see a great show at such a reasonable price.

Don't forget the blood sugar clinic that is starting at the Center. It will be held on the first Friday of each month, but there will only be 20 people taken each month, so be sure and call to make a reservation with Dorothy at the Center.

For those of you who would like to get in a little exercise to help offset those holiday pounds, the Senior Center now has an exercise bike on the premises. Those who wish privacy when using it, you can exercise in the privacy of the library room.

You can begin signing up on Monday for the Christmas party that will be held at the Center on Friday, December 18th. There will be a special Christmas dinner at noon followed by dancing and entertainment. WALTER BENOIT will provide music and also bring along some of the circle dancers to entertain. There Center is limited to 150 people, so be sure and make your reservation early so you don't miss out.

It seems necessary to remind everyone again that you should call the Center at least 24 hours in advance if you are planning to attend lunch. This also applies to cancellations. The Center works on a budget and has to be careful in the number of meals it prepares. Here are next week's lunches: Monday, Bratwurst; Tuesday, Chicken croquettes; Wednesday, Sheppard's pie; Thursday, Veal patties; and Friday, Batterfry fish.

Happy birthdays to the following seniors this month: FLORENCE ROBERTS on Dec. 1; LILLIAN PARO on Dec. 2; JENNIE BOSS on Dec. 3; ARLINE VINCENT on Dec. 4; CLEMENCE BASSETTE on Dec. 5; LUCILLE CAMPBELL on Dec. 6th; HAROLD CHANNELL on Dec. 8; and JOHN TEAHAN on Dec. 9th. Hope you have a fine day.

Speedy recovery wishes going out to NANCY CHAPMAN. We miss her and all her news.

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Taking care of the trash is no fun—yet it's a job that has to be done in every household, every day.

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TAX TIPS

by John Walsh
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Postponing Your Income

In 1981, the tax rate on your individual federal return decreased 5% effective October 1st, which will lower the 1981 rates 1 1/4% for the year. In 1982, the rates will be further reduced by 10%.

What this means is that if you can postpone income until 1982, or increase your deductions in 1981, which normally might occur in 1982, then you will be saving tax dollars. This, of course, assumes your income situation is approximately the same in both years.

One exception will be in the area of dividend and interest income. For 1981 only, \$200 of qualified dividends and interest (\$400 if married and filing a joint return) may be excluded from gross income. It would worth checking how much you have that will be taxable in 1981, and if you are not near the maximum exclusion, and you have U.S. savings bonds for which the interest would be reported when you cash them in now might be a good time to cash some in and take advantage of the maximum exclusion.

When accelerating deductions into 1981, consider the zero-bracket amount (the minimum standard deduction provided to most taxpayers) \$2,300 for a single person and \$3,400 for a couple filing a joint return. Your deductions should surpass these amounts if you are to accelerate your deductions into 1981. Also watch the 1% and 3% limitation for drugs and medical deductions as you will have had to surpass these amounts in order to benefit from additional medical deductions.

In the area of a cash basis business, delaying the normal billing cycle and paying most of the expenses before December 31st will result in lower taxable income for 1981 (if the business operates on a calendar year). For any calendar year business having the prospect of a good year, consider the purchase of new equipment.

There are new rules for depreciating fixed assets which will increase the depreciation deduction and the full investment tax credit is now generally available on assets qualifying for the five-year depreciation deduction. But before making any decision on buying new equipment, remember that in 1982 up to \$5,000 of qualified asset acquisitions may be written directly off to expense. As this area is somewhat complex, your tax advisor should be consulted.

Local Student To Perform In WSC Irish Concert

Carey Weiss, son of Lilian Papier of 16 South West Street, Feeding Hills, will perform as part of the Westfield State College Chorale for an all-Irish contemporary classical music concert in Springfield on Friday, December 11th.

The concert is sponsored by the Irish American Cultural Institute and will be directed by Dr. Theodore C. Davidovich. The concert's orchestral selections will be performed by the Springfield Symphony Orchestra conducted by its music director Robert Gutter.

Weiss, as a member of the chorale, belongs to a highly select group of singers, mostly music majors, auditioned from the Westfield State student body. It performs music of all kinds, specializing somewhat in music of the Renaissance.

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The Reading Room

By Rita White

Good Reading For Christmas Holidays

Well, the season is upon us. The stores are packed with people doing Christmas shopping. For those of you still making up your lists, here are a few ideas.

Beaufort Books, Inc. has a wonderful book out that has been much too long in the coming. It is called *The Wheelchair Gourmet* by Mary E. Blakeslee. Aside from the fact that the book is full of terrific, easily-managed recipes, any of which a cook would enjoy trying, the book is a potpourri of hints and ways for the disabled to cope with a kitchen.

Ms. Blakeslee herself is confined to a wheelchair, so she speaks from experience. She has obviously learned to live with her disability and has a wonderful sense of humor which permeates her writing.

If you do know someone who is confined to a wheelchair or has some disability which makes the common, everyday things we do seem a project, I strongly recommend this book. I assure you it will be that person's favorite Christmas gift.

And now on to children. I find that I am a child myself when it comes to books. One of the most beautiful books I have found is called *Fritz and the Beautiful Horses* published by Houghton-Mifflin and written and illustrated by Jan Brett, who is a graduate of the Boston Museum School and lives in Norwell, Mass.

The book was inspired by Ms. Brett's seeing the famous Lippizan horses when they toured this country. Every page of this future classic is a work of art and the story of the pony Fritz is charming. It's one of those cases where we learn that beautiful is not always best. It would be a delight to read this book to a first grader and share the lovely pictures.

Another fine book is *The Dolls' Christmas* by Tasha Tudor. While this is not a brand new publication, it is something any little girl should love to have. As in all Tasha Tudor books, the illustrations are lovely, and the story of the dolls and their preparations for Christmas should delight everyone.

A whole series of charming little books which sell

In *John Mouse Goes To Wormland*, author Rodger Hargreaves gives children a whole new conception of those creepy, crawly things that live in the ground.

You should be able to find these publications in any full-service bookstore. The children's books in particular are currently available at "A LIKELY STORY" located at Court Square in Springfield.



Early prayer books and church almanacs usually printed saints' days and religious holidays in red ink. These holidays became festive or "red letter" days.

Fire Safety Tips For Xmas Season

December is here already and the holiday season will soon be upon us. Homes, stores, cafes, and restaurants are being decorated for the season. Please keep a few simple cautions in mind when you are creating your winter wonderland to assure that this year's holiday season is a safe one.

HOMEOWNERS

Keep trees away from fireplaces and heaters; keep live trees well-watered.

Place lights carefully so the lamps do not touch the needles. The small, cool lights are best to use.

Do not mix natural tree branches with candles for table displays. They are pretty, but could start a deadly fire.

Caution your smoking guests to stay away from the displays with lighted smoking objects.

Outside: Use lamps made for this purpose. Inside lamps can short out in bad weather. Be careful not to overload the electrical circuits with too many extension cords.

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Although this is one of the busiest times of year, keep in mind the following safety regulations.

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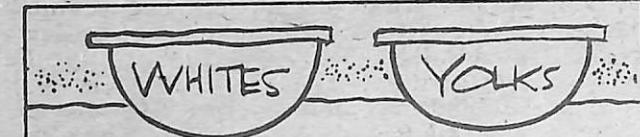
When decorating, use only approved fireproof material. If in doubt, check with the fire department.

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Beautiful displays are important, but, as in stores, beautiful can be deadly. Keep aisle space open, and place decorations so they do not block the exits.

Remember natural trees are pretty, but unlawful in places of public assembly. Only artificial, flame-retardant or metallic trees are permissible.

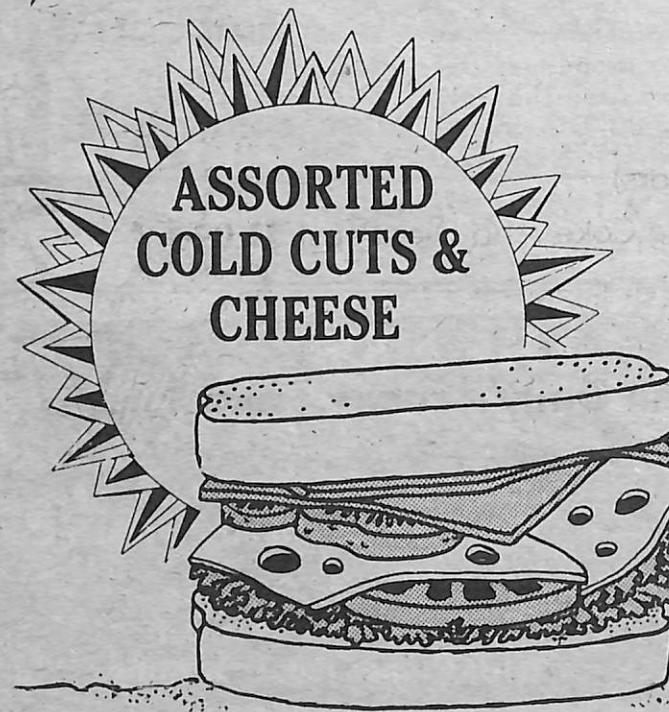
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Feeding Hills Woman & Pen Pal Enjoy Memorable Evening

By Claudia Scott

Kathy Novotney of Feeding Hills began her search last July with a rehearsed quick speil, saying, "Hello. I am an American visiting Scotland. I am looking for a Thomas Wallace who used to live on Gardner Street and who would be about 50 years old."

After two hours and over twenty negative responses from Wallaces (a very common name in Scotland), a young man finally answered that yes, indeed, the man she was searching for was his father.

Kathy said she got goose bumps when the man with whom she had been a faithful pen pal in high school answered the phone almost 30 years after their last communication.

It was all part of a dream that came true for Kathy. Her eyes brighten as she tells about her exciting two weeks in the British Isles which included being in London the day of the Royal Wedding as millions of Americans watched the event on television.

The story of Kathy's pen pal begins in Cleveland when she was a ninth-grader and joined a pen pal club through which she began corresponding with an 18-year-old from Glasgow, Scotland named Thomas Wallace.

They wrote on a regular basis throughout Kathy's high school years, exchanging pictures and souvenirs. These included a Wallace plaid hanky which Kathy still has and an annual calendar of Scotland's scenic beauty. Kathy said that Tom's pride in his country and the beautiful pictures made her yearn to see Scotland.

Tom was also stationed in England in the Royal Air Force at one time and his interesting descriptions of these places that she had only read about in history books made her vow that someday she would get there "by hook or by crook."

As many pen pals do, Kathy and Tom stopped writing as their lives took on new responsibilities and interests. She married, raised a family and became an English teacher.

When Kathy and her husband Bernie decided to take their first trip to Europe to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary, it was only natural that Kathy chose England and Scotland as the places to go.



FEEDING HILLS RESIDENT KATHY NOVOTNEY holds a memento from her trip to the British Isles last summer. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Because Kathy is an English teacher at Southwick High School, she planned a trip that would include touring the homes of Shakespeare, Wordsworth, Sir Walter Scott and Burns. However, she made sure that the vacation would allow enough time in Scotland for her to look for that thoughtful boy from her youth.

Arriving first in London, Kathy and Bernie spent four days exploring cathedrals, castles and museums (plus Olde English Pubs in the evening).

They toured St. Paul's Cathedral the day before the royal wedding and saw the royal fireworks on the eve of Prince Charles' marriage to Lady Diana Spencer. Because of the millions of people lining the streets the day before the wedding parade, they decided not to try to watch the royal procession.

Their English itinerary included Cambridge, Stamford, York and Newcastle-on-Tyne, all of which have special memories for the Novotneys.

They then went to Scotland where they experienced a delightful "Scottish Night"; even sampling haggis as part of the adventure of the trip. Haggis, Kathy explained, are "lamb guts cooked in the belly of a lamb served with mashed turnips." She claims it's delicious despite her description.

After Kathy finally reached Tom Wallace by phone, they agreed to meet the following night. A new friend of Kathy's from the tour took pictures of the first meeting between two "old friends."

After exclamations of "I must be dreaming" by both Kathy and Tom, they went to Tom's home where Kathy and Bernie met Tom's family; sons Stuart and Craig and daughter Morven. Kathy said Tom's wife Margaret was as warm as Tom in her reception. Their visit lasted into the "wee hours" as the two former pen pals caught up on all of those years that they had not been in touch.

Tom still possesses all of the pictures that Kathy had sent him and it was surprising how much they both remembered from the letters written so long ago.

Tom, who had become a shipping clerk when Kathy last wrote to him, is now manager for exports of all Scotland for British Steel Services. It is amusing to hear Kathy quote Tom because she falls into a Scottish accent, explaining that it is the only way that she can repeat him.

She was thrilled that the person she met is as nice in person as his letters always made him seem. She says that the meeting was definitely the highlight of a trip filled with wonderful experiences.

Since she has returned to Massachusetts, Kathy has heard from Tom twice. His family has begun a "Massachusetts Fund" for a trip to come to America to see the Novotneys. Tom added that he and Kathy must never lose touch again. Kathy does not plan to.



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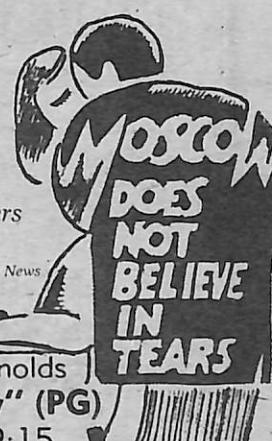
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SCHOOL NEWS

Feature Of The Week



Psychology Intrigues High School Students

By Joanne Brown

"Who am I?" is a question central to all of our lives, and many students at Agawam High are learning to investigate answers to that question through the very popular introductory psychology course.

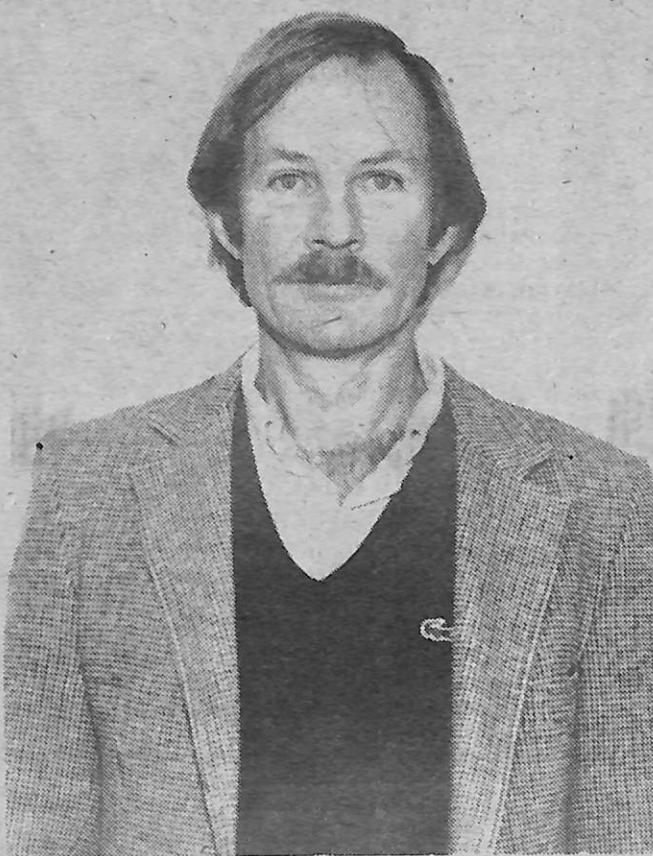
In his eleventh year teaching the course, Ed Merrill offers his students survey-type instruction in most areas of psychological study, but always keeps adolescent psychology in the forefront. The course is open to juniors and seniors with no restrictions and usually numbers about 180 students a year.

Merrill explains, "The course draws a good cross-section of students because they can easily see its relevance. We all have to deal with people and try to understand their behavior."

Merrill notes that many of his students who do not ordinarily do well in other classes perform creditably in psychology, some doing well for the first time in their high school careers. He attributes this to the course content being new and unusual. "It intrigues them," he points out.

CONTENT TOUCHES ON MANY AREAS

Among other areas introduced in the course are social psychology, child psychology, the psychology of learning, and test and measurements. They also deal with the psychology of the abnormal, which includes basic information on neurotics and psychotics.



PSYCHOLOGY TEACHER ED MERRILL

Noting that each of these areas could involve separate, in-depth courses, Merrill says, "Our classes involve discussion of elemental facts for the most part because they are too large to do individual experiments. I'd really like to offer an advanced course to continue delving into particular areas."

According to Merrill, who earned a master's degree in psychology as a follow-up to his bachelor's in English, many of his students see immediate benefit from taking his course. For example, several are employed at Heritage Hall Nursing Home and use

School Lunch Menu

Mon., Dec. 7: Pizza w/cheese topping, tossed salad, chilled applesauce, milk
 Tues., Dec. 8: Meatball sandwich in roll, buttered green beans, steamed rice, pineapple chunks, milk
 Wed., Dec. 9: Orange juice, steamed frankfort, buttered 7-minute cabbage, choc. cake, milk
 Thurs., Dec. 10: 1/2 tuna salad sandwich, 1/2 peanut butter sandwich, buttered niblet corn, baked beans, petite banana, milk
 Fri., Dec. 11: Roast turkey w/gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered carrots, bread & butter, spiced applesauce cake, milk

what they learn in class in their work with the elderly and the handicapped. Many go on to major in psychology in college.

FOCUS ON ADOLESCENT PSYCHOLOGY

Along with touching on the various areas of study, Merrill says he tries to keep adolescent psychology in focus.

"These kids are going through the hardest phase of their lives - the adjustment from childhood to adulthood is very difficult," he remarks. "If I can help them understand the psychological changes they are experiencing along with the physical ones then that's very satisfying to me."

According to Merrill, outside the classroom he practices what he teaches. "My wife and I make our children assume responsibility for their own actions, and if they abuse that responsibility, they must accept the consequences."

He indicates that this attitude seems to have carried over to his older son, a teenager, who treats his younger brother and sister in a similar manner. The younger two children also seem to be developing in the same pattern.

Merrill explains his belief on maintaining discipline, whether in his classroom or at home. "Fear just doesn't work anymore. Respect for authority is the key, and rewarding good behavior encourages a child to continue doing good."

Students and teachers alike report that his methods work so perhaps a review of basic psychological principles should be in order for all of us.



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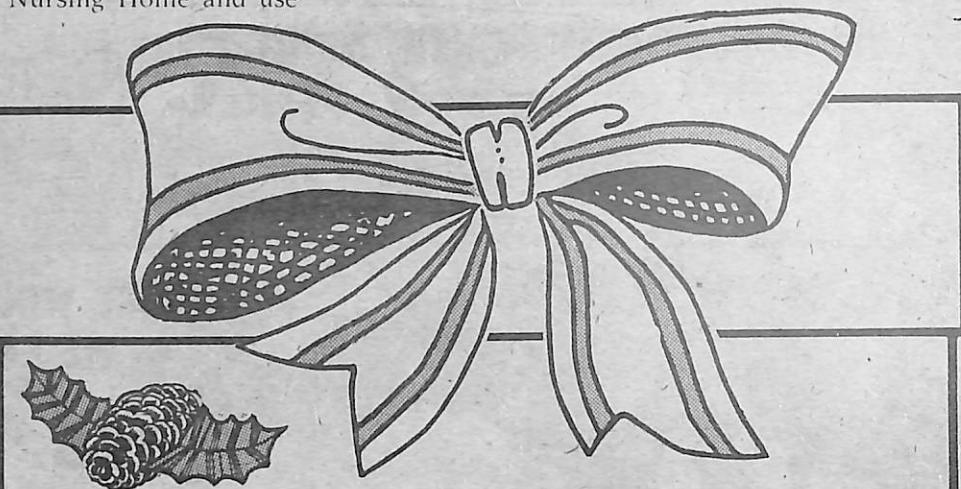
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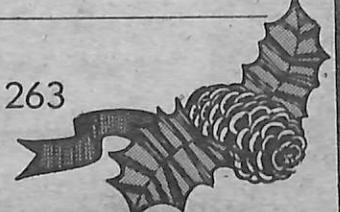
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Giving A Few Roller Tips...



...IS THE ROLLAWAY'S ARTHUR CASINEAU to Carol Chartier at the popular Roller Skating Rink's Thanksgiving Eve Rock and Roll bash. The Rollaway remains one of the areas popular places for family fun, especially during the holiday. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Middle School Fair Honors UN Day

The sixth annual United Nations Day Social Studies Fair was held at the Agawam Middle School on Tuesday, November 24th, in conjunction with Parents Night at the school.

All seventh grade students participated in the fair, and parents were able to view projects displayed in the school's auditorium.

Students' projects included maps, charts, exhibits, and "hands on" creations which involved much work and energy.

Students awarded trophies for outstanding efforts were Mark Nowacki, Joe Bourbonnais, Craig Krieger, Peter Scheidle, Bruce Lathrop, Michelle Mar9One, Tina DePalma, Jennifer Andrews, Bruno Parrotta, Sarah Lester, and Michelle Blanchard.

This fair was conducted under the direction of seventh grade social studies teachers Robert Farrell, Thomas Dacey and Anne Casal. Special thanks are extended to Mr. Kistner, Mr. Corcoran, and Mr. Girard for their assistance and cooperation.

Westfield State To Present Annual Winter Concert

The Westfield State College Glee Club will present its annual winter concert on Sunday, December 6th, at 8 p.m. The concert, which is free and open to the public, will be held in Bates Recital Hall on the campus.

Under the direction of Dr. Theodore Davidovich, the Glee Club will offer a number of sacred works by Haydn and Gounod and several Christmas works to help usher in the holiday season.

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Light Stuff...

The Inner You

By Jeanne Hofmann

It's that time of year again: holiday shopping frustrations are here to test our patience and fortitude. Difficult decisions, long lines at the cash registers, tight time schedules hanging over our heads - all these situations are setting our minds and bodies up for some mighty stressful moments. Maybe some light thoughts could ease those burdens.

Let's try some trivia and look at ourselves, inside and out, with light-hearted concentration. For instance, While In The Checkout Line: Look at the hand you write with. Have you ever noticed that if you are left-handed, the nails on that hand grow faster than on the other one? (Vice versa for righties, of course.) And are you aware that the nails on your middle fingers grow faster than the others?

What color is your hair? Do you know that redheads average ninety thousand hairs in their scalps; brunettes, one hundred thousand; and blonds, as many as one hundred fifty thousand?

No matter how long that checkout line is, you'll probably be through it before you've seen your nails grow or counted all the hairs on the head of the person in front of you.

If you get to the cash register and suddenly realize that you have forgotten your cash and/or your credit cards, think of this: when you blush, the lining of your stomach gets redder. When you get pale, it turns white. This fact may not seem important, but sharing it with the sales clerk or the person behind you in line could make a difference in their day. Imagine the fun they will have going home and saying to the family, "You'll never guess what this weirdo said in the store today..."

If you are dressed for cold weather and get tied up in an overheated store, don't worry if your palms are sweaty. You have more sweat glands in the palms of your hands and the soles of your feet than in any other part of your body.

When you get home from a shopping trip, having failed to accomplish the goals you set for yourself, let the tears of frustration flow. Scientists have discovered that tears contain an antiseptic called lysome - which proves that they really can be healing agents, in more ways than one!

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Psychologists tell us that we can ease stress by thinking thoughts that remove us from immediate frustrations. Try for a nice daydream. If that doesn't work, try trivia.

For instance, think of the weight you are carrying around. Did you know that your muscles make up about 40% of your body weight? Or that your brain weighs approximately 4.8 ounces and is 80% water? It uses as much energy as a ten-watt electric bulb and thinks with a speed of thought that averages 150 miles per hour.

Your heart weighs about twelve ounces and pumps blood through 185 miles of blood vessels a day. Your skin is your largest organ and accounts for 16% of your body weight. Your nose cleans, humidifies and warms over 18.5 cubic yards of air a day.

Your tongue weighs about two ounces and is probably four inches long. Don't feel ashamed if you are nervous in crowds - there are almost 45 miles of nerves running through your body and they are all sending you a variety of messages every minute.

USELESS SHOPPING INFORMATION

Are you buying perfume for someone and finding the choice of fragrance to be difficult? Did you know that most people can distinguish about 4,000 different smells and that truly sensitive sniffers can distinguish up to 10,000?

If your allergies act up at the perfume counter, think of the strength in your sneeze. It has the power of a hurricane because it can travel 100 miles an hour!

Are you having trouble choosing the right shade of nail polish or sweater for someone near and dear? Forgive yourself since you are capable of distinguishing over 8 million shades of color. It's no wonder the decision isn't easy.

AT THE END OF THE SHOPPING DAY

You deserve to pamper yourself. Go to bed, relax, and think thoughts like these: Your feet have a right to hurt since one quarter of the bones in your body are in them, and they have surely been solely used today.

Do you feel somehow smaller than you did this morning? You are. The cartilage in your spinal column gets squished when you're standing up and expands when you're lying down. So tomorrow morning you are going to be a quarter of an inch taller than you are tonight.

COMFORTING THOUGHTS

On your way to sleep tonight, soothe yourself with these thoughts: You can catch a cold easier by holding hands than by kissing. You use seventeen muscles to smile and forty-three to frown. One wrinkle is produced by every 200,000 frowns.

Listen to your body and marvel at how it is working for you through this busy season. AND feel free to kiss someone you love even if he or she has just sneezed at hurricane force. Feel free to smile, even if the people you're dealing with are making wrinkles for themselves. Maybe you can reverse this pattern.

Most of all, be good to yourself - you deserve it. Happy hunting!

Clark Students Honor O'Keefe



CLARK SCHOOL STUDENTS and friends recently held a reception to honor Principal Thomas O'Keefe, who leaves that school to assume the post as principal at Agawam Junior High. Here, left to right, Kimberly Hodges, Scott Cavallo, and Amy Montgomery present O'Keefe with going-away gifts. Photo by Jack Devine.

[In honor of Mr. O'Keefe's leaving their school to accept a post as principal of Agawam Junior High, several Clark School students have submitted poetry for his memory book.]

Oh, My! Good Grief!
They're taking away our school's chief.
How do they dare?
Is it fair?

By Charlene Fillion

Mr. O'Keefe, you are very nice.
Will you forget when our school had lice?
The only principal that we have known,
Very fond of you we've grown.
We'll miss you very much when you go,
But we'll see you again before you know.

By Julie Waniewski

You've taught us to be truthful and good,
To honor teachers and learn what we should.
We'll follow the path-you've shown us the way!
That's the reason for these poems we're sharing today

By Tricia Rea

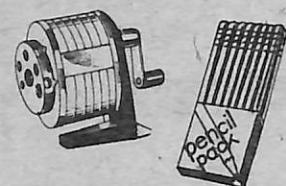
Mr. O'Keefe keeps us all good,
Following the rules the way we should.
Protecting us through each year.
We're proud of him, so listen here. By Sean Begley

Mr. O'Keefe is the best.
Now we answer a sad request,
To write a poem about our chief,
About you ... Mr. O'Keefe. By Daniel Bubien

Mr. O'Keefe, you're the greatest,

You're really the best,
The grades are all in,
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By Kim Hodges



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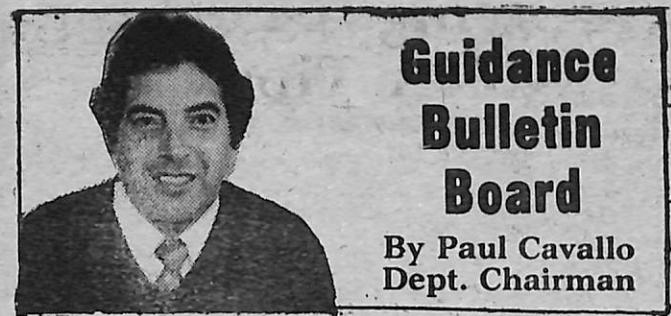
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Guidance Bulletin Board

By Paul Cavallo
Dept. Chairman

On November 20th, Mrs. Bellico and I attended a financial aid workshop at Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield. The workshop was very informative and provided the following basic information:

- 1) An overview of available student aid and their current terms and conditions;
- 2) The 1981-82 application process (for 1982-83 academic year assistance) including federal, state and institutional policy and procedures;
- 3) A review of the basic principles of awarding and packaging of aid and the typical means employed to notify applicants of those award decisions.

Because final budget appropriations for FY 1983 have not been completed, we were told that any information received concerning federal financial aid can change at any time.

This past October, Congress passed the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act which contains Phase I of the cutbacks in federal spending on all levels. The maximum award for a Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG), now called the Pell grant, will be \$1,670 down from \$1,800.

The Guaranteed Student Loan Program (GSL) allows a student to borrow up to \$2,500 a year at the rate of 9% per annum with a delayed payment plan. But if a family's adjusted gross income is over \$30,000, a needs test must be performed by the college.

A third federally sponsored program is the PLUS loan for which there is no eligibility requirement. As of October 1, 1981, the interest rate is 14% with repayment to begin sixty days after the borrowing date. A student may borrow up to \$3,000 per year.

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AHS Music Students Make All-Western

Agawam will be represented well this year in the All-Western Mass. Honor Chorus and Band. Nine local students have auditioned and qualified for the All-Western Mass. Chorus and ten earned places in the instrumental field.

Students for high schools all over the western part of the state will gather to rehearse and perform a concert at the University of Massachusetts' Fine Arts Center on Saturday, January 16th.

Those locals who will participate in the chorus group are Gidget Joy, Tom Bennett, Charles Hastings, Sue Rogers, Tammy Lucia, Mike Atkinson, Greg Riberdy, Tony Mastromatteo, and Mike Annino.

Those who will perform on instruments are Andy Lester (trombone), Joseph Curran (trumpet), Colleen Conway (French horn), Katy Lester (clarinet), Merritt Hopping (trumpet), Charles Hastings (alto saxophone), Amy Lou Porter (baritone sax), Paul Joseph (trombone), Peter Sutton (tuba), and Colleen Noftall (clarinet).

Colleen Conway will be one of four French horns in the orchestra; Andy Lester, Paul Joseph, and Amy Porter will be with the Jazz Ensemble; and the other instrumentalists will be part of the Concert Band.

Several of the highest rated students from the district auditions will be chosen to audition for the All-State Music Groups at a later date.

Library Plans Christmas Programs

The Agawam Public Library will offer a Christmas tree decoration crafts program for elementary school aged children grades K to 2 on Wednesday, December 9th, from 4 to 5 p.m., and again on Thursday, December 10th for children in grades 3 to 5. Youngsters will make simple tree ornaments which they can bring home.

To register, call the library at 789-1550.

The library will present a special Christmas Story Hour for pre-schoolers 3½ to 5 years old on Wednesday, December 16th, and Friday, December 18th. The programs will be held from 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Pre-registration is required and may be arranged by phone or in person at the library beginning December 1st. Please specify when registering if you prefer the Wednesday or Friday session. Coffee will be available for parents.

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SINFONIA MUSIC OWNER AND OPERATOR LARRY KUBLIN proudly poses with his prized student, Peter Sutton, a ninth grader who was named to the Western District Band in November. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Sinfonia Music Student Peter Sutton Selected For Western District Band

Peter Sutton, a ninth grade student at Agawam Junior High School, has been selected by competitive audition to participate in the 1981-82 Western District Band playing the tuba.

Peter has studied tuba with Larry Kublin of Sinfonia Music for less than a year and competed against high school students at the auditions.

"It is most unusual for any students to qualify for this organization with so little experience, but Pete has the talent and is dedicated to hard work," says Kublin. "I'm really proud of his accomplishments and feel confident that he will be an outstanding tubist throughout his high school and college days."

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Laughing Brook Slates Christmas Bird Seed Sale

Laughing Brook Education Center will hold its second Bird Seed Sale just in time for Christmas gift-giving. The deadline for ordering seed is December 5th.

Available for ordering are a special Audubon mix, sunflower seed, and cracked corn. Orders must be picked up on December 12th between the hours of 10 and 4.

The Audubon Shop will be open and is carrying thistle and safflower seed. Also feeders and a wide selection of gifts ready for Christmas are offered.

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Community Scrapbook

By Claudia Scott

Meet Barbara Connery

Welcome! Each week we will spotlight outstanding individuals in the community who are making their own lives more meaningful by helping others. Since we will be featuring local townspeople, this will be our own "Real People" column, and some day you may see your own activities appreciated in the *Advertiser/News*.

Let us know if you know of someone who is doing something special that would be of help or of interest to our readers. Tell us about a member of a service organization who deserves special recognition. We look forward to hearing from you. Help us fill our scrapbook.

Barbara Connery of Robin Ridge Drive is a woman who truly practices the spirit of giving during the holiday season. She then carries this spirit throughout the year as a wife, mother, and president of the Agawam Junior Women's Club.

Barb has lived here only four years after having moved with her husband Tom "to have more room" for themselves, daughter Lisa, 11, and sons Todd, 14, and Bryan, 8. Barbara became very active in her neighborhood, the schools, and the women's group because she cares about others.

A soft-spoken woman, Barb is modest about the long hours she is putting in on the club's annual Clearinghouse project. In her second time as chairman of the project, she is in charge of seeing that the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets are discreetly distributed to those in town who need a helping hand.

Clearinghouse serves as the distribution center for foodstuffs donated by individuals, organizations, and schools. Contributions of canned goods, baked items, new toys or any practical gift are bundled into packages to be delivered on the holidays. Barbara always welcomes more donations and asks any potential contributor to call her any afternoon at 786-2671 or Gail Pirnie at 786-5536 before December 15th.

Barb emphasizes that, because she is working with several organizations on the project, she would appreciate any group which is helping a family this year letting her know so gifts will not be duplicated. She believes all the effort involved is worth it because these baskets aid the elderly and families with real hardships. She urges all to consider donating.

Another Christmas project the Junior Women's Club is sponsoring is the children's "trim-a-tree" party scheduled for December 11th at Heritage Hall Nursing Home. Twenty-five children of club members will decorate a tree at West Building with ornaments they have made themselves.



BARBARA CONNERY, President of the Agawam Junior Women's Club, is our first member of our new "Community Scrapbook", a new feature of the newspaper. Each week Claudia Scott, who writes a similar weekly feature in the *Southwick/Suffield Advertiser News*, will be interviewing an interesting member of the community. *Advertiser/News* photo by Jack Devine.

Christmas activities fill many of Barbara's hours with the neighborhood group to which she belongs. She has already held two workshops for children and a tree-trimming party at her home. She will also participate in the upcoming neighborhood Christmas carolling.

Though her home is filled with Christmas crafts and items Barbara has made herself, her gift of time extends to other important projects throughout the year. As part of the Juniors, she has helped HERA, a shelter for battered women, and has worked on the Special Olympics, the spring arts and crafts festival for local scholarships, and various conservation projects.

Barbara is a regular in assisting young Steven Kennedy, who is overcoming a serious physical injury, with his patterning exercises which require many volunteers in the three-times daily, hour-long program.

In her work with Steven Kennedy, Barbara's background in special needs work helps out. She works part-time as a resource aide at Pierce School.

All of the Connerys love music, and Barbara is thrilled about a new piano her family just gave her. Lisa plays clarinet, and Todd plays trumpet.

Our scrapbook salutes a very busy lady who is helping everyone who is involved with her projects, whether they are working on the committee with her or receiving the benefits of it.

Merry Christmas, Barb!

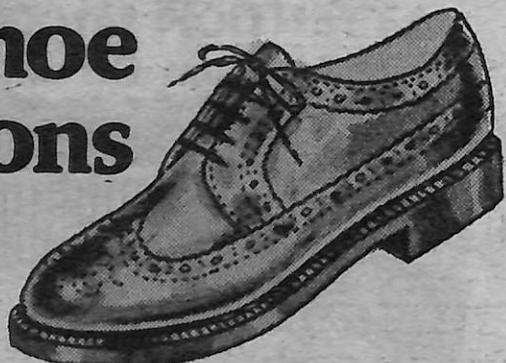
Theosophical Society To Meet At Leonard House

The Springfield Theosophical Society will present a public lecture on "Psychometry: Threads of the Past that Lead to the Future," by Ms. Ceil Lewonchuk on Sunday, December 13th at 2:30 p.m. at the Captain Leonard House, 633 Main Street, Agawam. A dona-

tion will be requested at the door.

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Post Office Urges Mailing Early

This year, the Postal Service is joining forces with the business community of Agawam in urging customers to shop early and mail early for Christmas.

Postmasters Robert DeForge and Joseph Dahdah have officially declared the start of the Christmas shopping season by asking shoppers to assist with the Christmas mailing crunch by shopping and mailing early. Cards and parcels will reach their destinations in plenty of time for the holidays if customers will start early, make certain that mail is addressed correctly, and that packages are wrapped properly.

"Normally we handle thousands of pieces of mail a day including cards, letters, and packages, but during the holiday season that volume goes up tremendously," DeForge says.

The key to successful holiday mailing is to mail early and correctly.

"Customers should take care to write legible ZIP coded addresses for both the intended recipient and the sender. Since mail sorting depends on the ZIP codes as well as the name of the particular city and state, the use of the correct code will aid us in processing the mail," DeForge notes.

Emblem Club To Hold Fundraiser & Meeting

The West Springfield-Agawam Emblem Club No. 526 will meet in the Elks Lodge on Morgan Road, West Springfield, on Thursday, December 10th. Any woman who is related to an Elk is eligible for membership in this organization, which numbers among over 50 such clubs throughout the state.

On Thursday, December 10th, at 6 p.m. the club will hold a fundraising mini-bazaar and craft fair. Name brand jewelry at discounted prices as well as many handmade craft items will be offered just in time for Christmas shopping.

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Postmaster Remind Patrons To Help Post Office At Xmas

With the Christmas mailing season just ahead, Agawam and Feeding Hills Postmaster Robert DeForge and Joseph Dahdah are offering tips for customers to assure that their cards and packages arrive on time and in good shape.

In addition to shopping and mailing early, customers are urged to properly address cards and packages with the name, street number (or post office box number), and the city, state and ZIP Code reserved for the last line.

"It is also a good idea to put a slip of paper with the recipient's name and address and your return address inside parcels, and be sure the addressing on the outside of the parcel includes your return address and Zip Code," DeForge and Dahdah said.

Customers are also reminded to check the size of their envelopes before mailing Christmas and other holiday cards. Letter size standards require that envelopes be at least 3 1/2 inches high and 5 inches long to be accepted for mailing.

The Postal Service is also asking customers to put an ounce of extra care into preparing parcel post and other packages for mailing. Parcels will arrive at their intended destination in good shape if mailers will follow a few simple suggestions:

The service is available with insurance, return receipt, COD, certificates of mailing and special delivery. Customers interested in Priority Mail should contact with the post office for details.

Christmas Carols At AIC

There will be an international Christmas celebration at American International College on Friday, December 11 at 3:30 p.m. in the Gold & White Lounge of the Schwartz Campus Center. The festivities will include Christmas readings, holiday carols, and international Christmas desserts.

Father Leo J. Hoar, Chaplain at AIC will give a gospel reading. O'Henry's "Gift of the Magi" will be presented by D. Irving Conrad, AIC's Dean of Administrative Services, and Naomi White, Director of AIC's Afro-American Cultural Center, will share the meaning of Kiwanza, the African Christmas celebration.

AIC's chorale will perform Christmas carols, accompanied on the piano.

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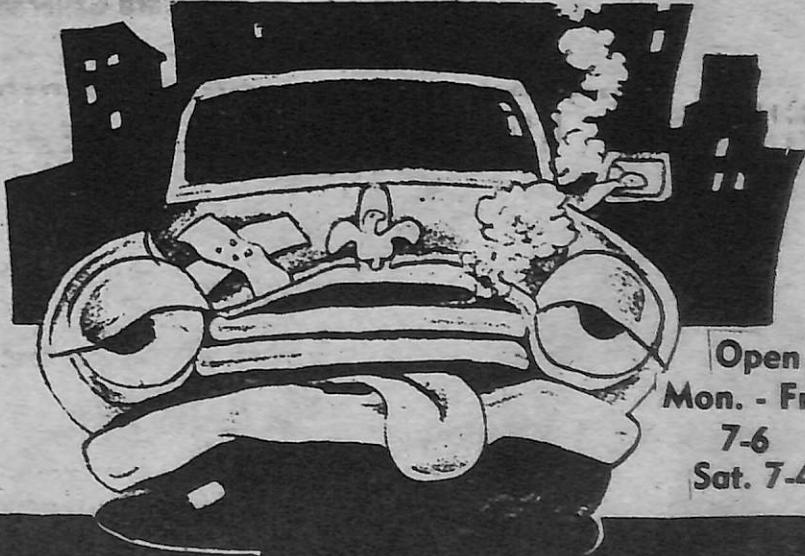
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Your Dental Health

By Stephen R.
Jacapararo, D.M.D.

As the end of the year comes racing down the calendar, this is the time when taxpayers' fancies turn to dependents. Unfortunately, if you haven't given serious thought to adding another offspring to your family until now, it's a little late for you to do anything about it for this tax year. If you are already on your way to adding that dependent or would just like to keep it in mind for next year, I'm sure you are all wondering when is the best time during pregnancy for dental treatment.

Contrary to popular belief, there is a definite time and place for dentistry during the course of a pregnancy. Certainly, it would be best to do no elective procedures at all if possible, but if necessary, the second trimester (4th, 5th, and 6th months) is the safest time for dental work.

All questionable treatment and medication should first be discussed with the patient's obstetrician. If X-rays are necessary, a lead shield or apron will provide the needed protections not only for the current patient but also for the future dental patient-to-be who just came along for the ride on that particular day.

Many women find that during the course of a pregnancy they develop bleeding gums. Some women even develop gingival swellings, so-called "pregnancy tumors," which are harmless, but should be removed after childbirth.

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Selecting A Good Nursing Home

When choosing a nursing home for a parent or other loved one, the decision requires careful consideration.



- Obtain listing of accredited homes from American Association of Homes for Aging, 1050 17th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036 or American Health Care Association, 1200 15th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005. Also, ask your church and your state agency on aging for recommendations.

- Verify that license, accreditation and certification for Medicare and Medicaid is current and in force.

- Visit homes without an appointment, looking at everything and meeting key personnel. Ask residents if they are happy there.

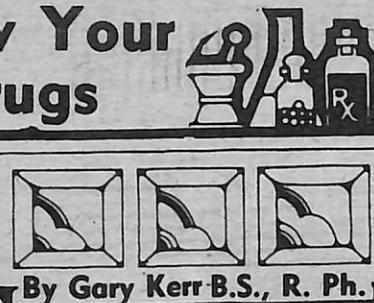
- Determine if staff is professionally trained and sufficient to adequately care for residents.

- Find out what services are provided for by the home and which ones cost extra.

- Show your lawyer any contract required by the home before signing it.

- Consider obtaining insurance to defray nursing home expenses.

Know Your Drugs



By Gary Kerr B.S., R. Ph.

Problems of Diaper Rash

One of the most unpleasant conditions suffered by infants is diaper rash and nearly all are affected at one time or another. The rash originates in skin folds, especially in the buttocks and thighs, as the result of sweat retention and/or contact with ammonia (from urine breakdown on the skin) and other various irritants.

Most milder cases can be treated by integrating some good old common sense and perhaps some non-prescription skin products available at pharmacies.

Frequent changing of diapers and avoiding their use during naps will ease the condition in some cases but if this is not effective, protectants, powders, or antimicrobial therapy may be warranted.

The two most common protectants used today are zinc oxide paste and petroleum jelly. A thin layer should be spread on the affected area before a new diaper is used. Desitin and other commercial preparations contain zinc oxide and the consumer is urged to read product ingredients and their concentrations before making a purchase.

Vitamins A and D and cod liver oil are also topical protectants found in diaper rash products but there is no evidence to claim their superiority over zinc oxide and petroleum jelly. Protectant therapy is recommended as the first line of medicinal defense against diaper rash.

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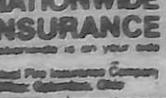
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Dogs outside should be fattened so as to withstand the colder weather; heavier diets should be available to dogs outside in wintertime. Your dog's diet should be almost doubled if kept outside this winter. In the cold season, check the water several times daily in case of freezing; insure your dog a drink of water several times daily.

Also, attach a chain to the doghouse so that the animal won't become strangled; affix swivels to both ends of the chain to help keep chain from becoming entangled. Do not fasten to pole or anywhere where chain can be wrapped around same. Chain must be at least three times the length of the dog's body or about 12 feet. There is no excuse for short chains.

Make sure your dog has a normal body weight. If he's thin, have him checked by your veterinarian for worms, or an get an adequate diet prescription. You are not qualified to worm your own dog with patient

medicines, so please, see your veterinarian.

Dogs must be free of internal and external parasites according to state animal protection laws. If a female dog is kept outside, have her sprayed to prevent birth of an unwanted surplus of puppies.



Sportsmen Corner

By Bill Chiba

The gun season ended on Sunday in Vermont, and two Feeding Hills men scored on bucks in the Green Mountain State. Clyde Light downed a small two-point buck that weighed 120 pounds field dressed. Phil Girard, formerly of Agawam and now a resident of Granville, took a beautiful eight-point buck in the Beech Hill area of Granville. He bagged the buck on the last day of the bow season.

A few weeks ago, we were subjected to a very disgusting picture distributed by the UPI in the daily papers. The picture showed a wild Canada goose with an arrow in it. Of course, the first cry we heard was those dirty hunters and what they do to wild animals.

The Wisconsin Bowhunters Association offered a \$250 reward for information about who shot the goose. The reward paid off. The same day the news release hit the news media, it received a great newspaper pickup and air play. The local Department of Natural Resources office in Milwaukee received not one, but two calls.

One proved that some people will do almost anything to get attention. A suburban man had been bragging to fellow workers that he had shot the goose. A fellow worker reported his comments, they were checked out, and proven empty (like his head!).

The other call struck paydirt. It turned out that an 18-year-old kid from a Milwaukee suburb shot the goose. He was tried and convicted. It cost him several dollars and he lost his hunting privileges for a year.

The goose finally was caught, and the target arrow was removed. The goose recovered.

The \$250 was donated to the Department of Natural Resources because the person who made the call which provided the necessary information wouldn't give a name.

The DNR used the money to buy a capture gun. They hadn't had one, and they sorely wished they had had one during some of the chases that goose led them on.

BOOST TO THE ECONOMY

It is estimated that the 16-day deer season just ending on the 29th of November resulted in 19.9 million dollars in "variable expenditures" being spent within the state in that period of time.

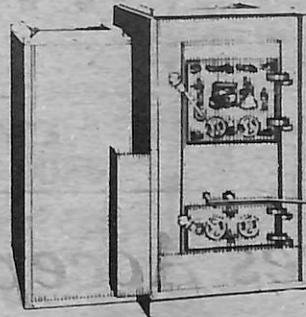
Variable expenditures include items such as transportation, food, lodging, clothing, meat-processing, privilege fees, taxidermy, ammunition, and other similar short-term things. Additional long-lasting items such as hunting camps, four-wheel drive vehicles, campers and rifles are not included in the \$19.9 million. The total figure actually triples when such things are included.

Fish and Game Commissioner Edward F. Kehoe points out that Vermont's business community and taxpayers are beginning to realize the importance of the November deer season. Deerhunters spend their money just about everywhere in Vermont.



Today's professional foresters are concerned with more than just growing and harvesting trees. They also give a lot of consideration to other needs such as public recreation, water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.

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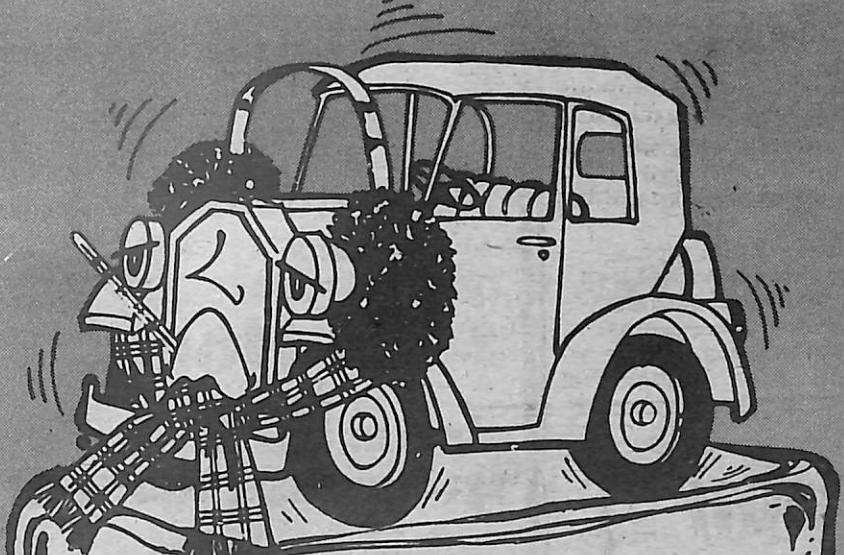
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EDITORIAL

Elderly Housing Good Use For Danahy School

Townsfolk, especially in North Agawam, have to be concerned each time they pass by the now boarded up Katherine Danahy School.

Since last summer the town's oldest elementary school has remained closed tight. Declining enrollment here caused the school's closing in June.

We believe that Town Manager Edward Caba's plan to sell the school is a good idea, especially if the purchaser uses the structure for elderly housing.

At this time, the Agawam Housing Authority has expressed interest in the Danahy School for just that purpose but are awaiting word on whether or not any state funding is available for renovation of the school.

Obviously, it will take a large lump of money to convert the building into an elderly housing facility, something this community sorely needs to house more of its senior citizens.

Funding from some governmental source seems to be the key to the Housing Authority undertaking this project. Private developers may be interested, but the community has yet to publicly announce a price tag for the building.

It is our view that whatever happens to the building, it should be conducive to area homeowners and in the best interests of the community. Elderly housing seems to fit that criteria.

If a private developer has another responsible solution, then the community should listen with good ears. We feel the price the community receives for the building is far less important than what happens to it afterwards.

It's present status serves no one, and the fear of fire or vandalism also is in the minds of town officials and neighborhood residents.

We hope a responsible proposal will be forthcoming in the very near future.

Legal Notices Accepted

Notice To Agawam Residents WATER SHUTOFF

Water service will be shutoff on Monday, December 7, on the following streets:

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NILE AVENUE

The shutoff will commence at 8:30 A.M. and service should be restored by 4:00 P.M. This shutdown is necessary to repair a broken valve. Residents in the surrounding area may experience reduced water pressure during the shutdown. In the event of inclement weather, work will be postponed until the next day at the same time.

Agawam Department Of Public Works

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ITEM: Sign Material

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From The Third

By Edward W. Connelly,
MA State Rep.
Third Hampden District

Important Bills Before House As Session Closes

One reason why I have sponsored legislation calling for limited legislative sessions is clearly illustrated by the action - or lack thereof - on Beacon Hill in the past few weeks. A number of key issues have still not been finally acted upon in the House. While some are expected to be debated this week, others will probably not survive the session.

The auto insurance reform bill, is, at last, expected to receive a final vote in the House this week. It will then return to the Senate and finally to the Governor.

The so-called "Tregor Bill", a \$75 million financial plan for Boston is also expected to be debated this week. The daily newspapers have covered this bill extensively, and as they report, the bill is a controversial one. Despite the many redrafts designed to make the Boston bill more palatable to legislators outside the capitol city, the bill, referred to by man as a "Boston bail-out", will not go through the House without considerable debate.

It now appears that some very important bills will not be acted on at all this year. Civil Service reform is one of these. After many months of study, a committee came up with a proposal. Though many believe that the bill does not go far enough in reforming the Civil Service system, it was at least a start. The bill, however, appears to be tied up in committee.

It is a similar story with tax reform. Again, many did not agree with the tax reform proposals that were offered, but it is an issue which ought to be faced. Again, it appears that tax reform will not be discussed this year.

The Congressional redistricting committee has until February to come up with a plan and get it passed by the Legislature. Although the Legislature has known for months that congressional seats would be redistricted, the House and Senate committees have not yet formally met.

Ironically, as the year dwindles, and the Legislature heads towards its final push, the deadline for bills to be considered in next year's session occurred this week. Each year, the number of bills filed increases. This year more than 7,000 pieces of legislation are expected to be filed.

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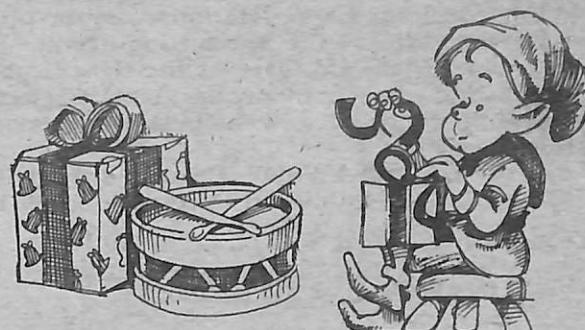
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Shop Agawam For Christmas Gifts

The Mouse House Christmas Shoppe



THIS SCENE IS TYPICAL OF THE COUNTRY MOUSE HOUSE located on the corner of Elm and Suffield Streets in Agawam. The Mouse House's Xmas Shoppe is indeed, a joy.

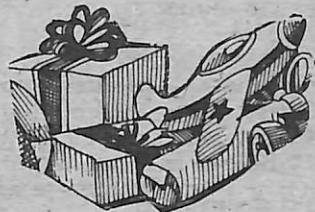


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The New Store In Feeding Hills



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GAIL LONGEY OF AGAWAM ARTS AND CRAFTS on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills stands by a rack of macrame yarn that comes in tons in the popular family-run shoppe. Stop by and browse through this ever-growing operation that can fill your every holiday crafts need.



DIANE FILA of newly opened COUNTRY FLOWERS AND GIFTS on Maple Street in North Agawam recently opened her doors and when you go in you will be delighted by her displays and handcrafted items.

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Country Flowers New In N. Agawam



By Dorine Kubik

[Our reporter has canvassed the shops here in Agawam which offer exquisite gift ideas for discriminating shoppers who will not even have to leave town for their purchases. Brief descriptions of outstanding establishments and their merchandise lines follow.]

Visit Fran's Place at 297 Springfield Street, Agawam, for old-fashioned charm. Lace Christmas tree ornaments are new this year along with needle-point angels. While you are browsing, you will find hand-knit woolen mittens and hats, ceramic centerpieces for the holidays, calico wreaths, and delightful gingerbreadmen dolls. Fran's has the largest selection of sun catchers in the area and carries Hummels, Sebastians, Pilgrim Glass, and pewter miniatures.

Christmas shopping hours are Monday through Friday from 10 to 8 o'clock and Saturday and Sunday from 10 to 5.

Across the way from Fran's is the recently opened Country Dollhouse at 300 Springfield Street. In this specialty store, shoppers may purchase any number of items to decorate dollhouses for Christmas, including little evergreen wreaths for windows and tiny ornaments for the dollhouse tree. Be sure to see the bubble gum machine for the dollhouse.

Not too far from O'Brien's Corner in North Agawam is Country Flowers and Gifts at 84 Maple Street. This shop is a delight with its fresh flowers and plants, silk and dried Christmas arrangements, and unusual indoor wreaths made of dried materials. The gift boutique carries antique-type Christmas ornaments by Russ, little Annalee dolls with whimsical expressions, Claire Burke Potpourri products, Chinese oriental bowls, vases and floral designs. The shop is open daily 9 to 5 and on Sunday from 10-4.

The Country Mouse House Christmas Shoppe located on the corner of Silver and Suffield Streets next door to the Country Mouse House is a big hit again this year. Everything in the shop is handmade with about 150 craftspeople including many from Agawam doing the actual handicrafts. Besides clever mice gifts, shoppers can find tiny wooden soldiers, furry snowmen, little wooden sleds, bread dough art, calico trees and wreaths, and felt ornaments. The shop is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 to 5 and Sunday 12 to 5.

The Dolly Sisters Card & Gift Shoppe at 846 Suffield Street in the Southgate Shopping Plaza is open Monday through Saturday 9:30 to 9 and on Sundays from 12:30 to 5. Along with a wide selection of Hallmark Christmas products, they carry "gifts for him" such as jewelry cases, mugs, and ice buckets. Classic collectibles include Hummels, Sebastian miniatures and Pendelfins English stoneware.

Their Christmas section includes grab bag gifts priced from \$2 to \$5 and luxury items such as jade, orientals, and Incolay jewelry boxes. For the children, there is jewelry, story books, puzzles, stuffed animals, Smurfs, and Rodney babies.

Many clever individuals reside in Agawam and create their own lovely gifts for holiday giving. Located at 610 Springfield Street to supply crafters with materials is Agawam Arts and Crafts Shoppe. Open Monday through Wednesday, 10 to 9; Thursday and Friday, 10 to 5; and Saturday, 10 to 4, they carry the largest selection of fabric ribbon in the area, treated for outdoor use and reasonably priced. Glass ball ornaments, wooden sleds, sleighs, and bells are awaiting painting and decorating, and supplies for wreath-making are also available. New this season are rice-straw, snow shovels to decorate in some special way.

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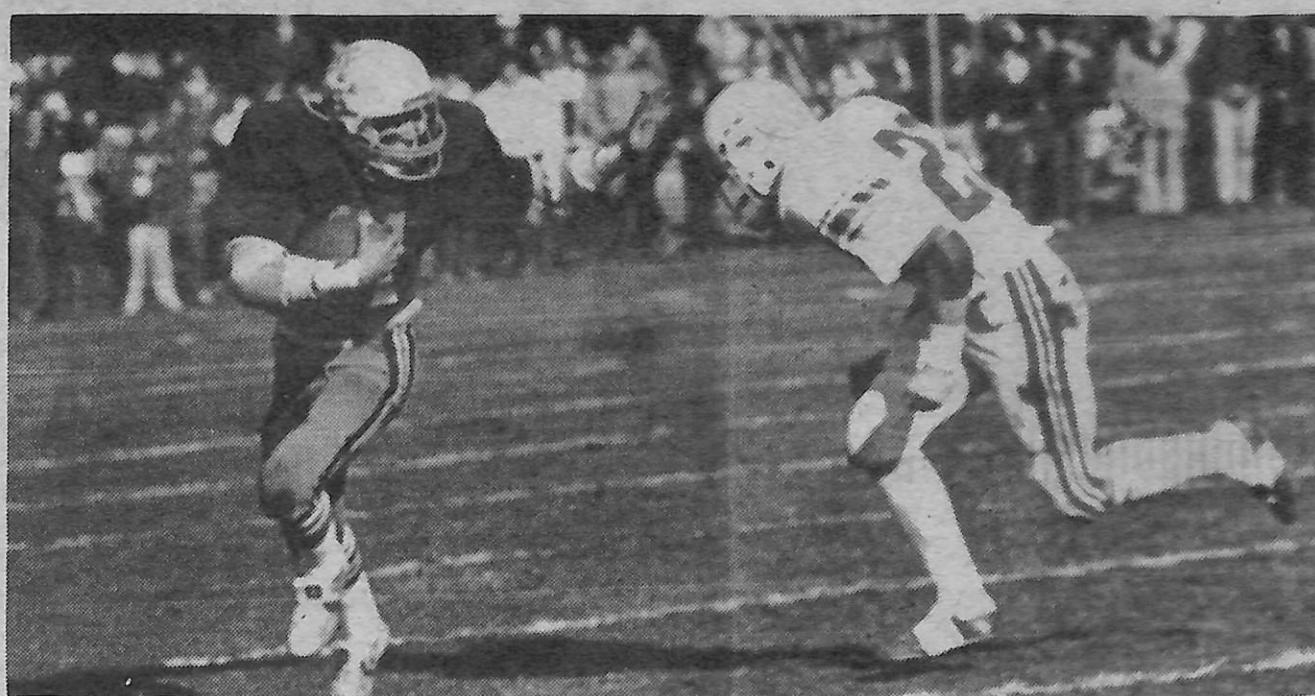


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SPORTS



SENIOR HALFBACK PAUL DEZIELLE watches a Scott Negrucci pass fall short during first half action against West Springfield on Turkey Day. Dezielie completed a fine career as a Brownie in Agawam's 13-6 victory over the Terriers. Dezielie scored 12 touchdowns this season and his 57 yard kickoff return helped set up a Peter Lindsay field goal. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.



SENIOR SPLIT END TIMMY AYRE stiff-arms a West Springfield defender after grabbing a Scott Negrucci pass in first half action against the Terriers on Turkey Day at Harmon Smith Field. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Lindsay & Defense Outduel Rivals, 13-6

By George Sandlin

New Zealander Peter Lindsay, some 10,000 miles away when the West Springfield demolished the locals a year ago on Thanksgiving Day, was this year's hero in Agawam's 13-6 victory over their arch rivals at sunny, but blustery Harmon Smith Field.

In view of some 6,000 fans, the locals completed a superb 8-1 campaign, their best since 1966. A loss to league champion Westfield and a costly tie to Holyoke kept the Brownies from reaching the Western Mass. Super Bowl.

The Brownies kept the Terriers at bay with Lindsay's 30 and 20 yard field goals, a 3-yard dive to paydirt by senior quarterback Scott Negrucci (Lindsay added the extra-point), and a dynamic defense which had to reach down deep in the second half when the Terriers offense controlled the ball for most of the 24 minutes.

Negrucci's score was set-up by a high punt snap with the Terriers kicking out of their own end zone. Agawam received the ball on the West Side four and two plays later Negrucci dove over center Scott Smith and guard Allan Brown for the 7-0 second period lead. Negrucci, who connected on 7 of 13 aerials for 70 yards, rushed for 45 more. On Agawam's next possession, he marched the locals to West Side's twelve. A 34-yard flare pass to junior halfback Mike Beaudette and big gains by senior halfback Paul Dezielie and

Beaudette again founded Lindsay's 30-yard field goal with just 22 seconds showing on the first half clock.

West Side's only score came in period three when they smartly drove 71 yards on 18 plays, consuming 9:12 of the clock. With 1:10 showing in the quarter, quarterback Mark Vye hit a leaping Vin DeStefano with a 16-yard pass for the touchdown, cutting Agawam's lead to 10-6.

Agawam's final tally came in the fourth quarter after Dezielie returned West Springfield's ensuing kickoff 57 yards to the Terrier 34.

Agawam drove to West Side's 3 before settling for Lindsay's sixth field goal of the fall with 10:13 left to play.

West Springfield threatened with 6:14 remaining on huge chunks of yardage eaten by DeStefano, their final senior halfback who was completely bottlenecked in the opening half. West Springfield appeared to be heading for a touchdown when a fumble, pounced on by Beaudette (who also plays defensive back), ended the threat, taking the life out of the visitors.

In ending West Springfield's two year dominance over them, Agawam defenders Timmy Ayre (defensive back - 11 tackles, 1 fumble recovery), and college-bound linebacker Scott Josephson turned in yeomen performances.



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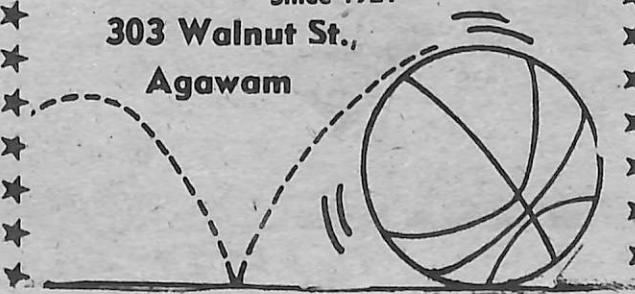
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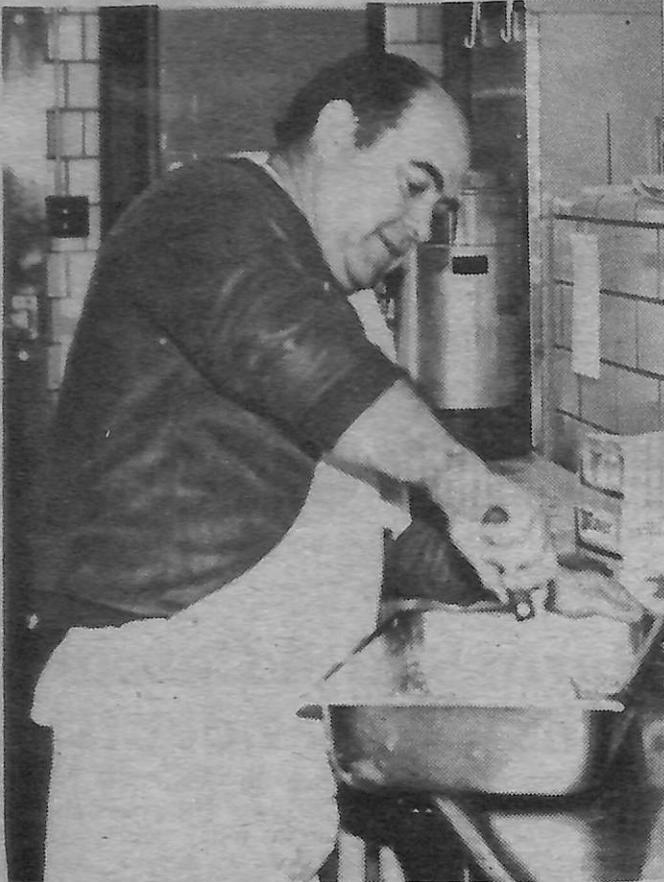
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FOOTBALL BOOSTER CLUB MEMBER JUNIE PROVOST is hard at work during the club's annual breakfast prior to the West Springfield-Agawam Thanksgiving Day game. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Courthouse To Host Adult Hoop League

The Courthouse Racquetball and Health Fitness Club in Feeding Hills Center will be running a Men's and Women's 20 and Over basketball league beginning January 16.

Teams are now being formed by the Courthouse under the direction of Gerald J. Mason. Anyone interested in forming a team or participating in the league should call Mr. Mason at the Courthouse at 786-1460, anytime.

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Agawam Rotary Club Ties West Side, 4-4

In a spirited game, West Springfield's boys 12-14 "B" Division squad fought back for a 4-4 tie with the Agawam Rotary Club Pacers in little league hockey action.

West Springfield scored first but Agawam scrambled back to take a 3-1 lead going into the third and final period. The tough West Siders scored two goals to tie the game at 3-3. With less than 30 seconds left in the game, Agawam's Bob Barbarini scored his second goal of the game on a nice feed from Paul Morris to give Agawam a 4-3 lead.

Amazingly, West Springfield scored at the buzzer and the referee allowed the tally to stand.

Alumnae Athletes Plan Get-Together Dinner

Any individual who has participated on a girls' sports team at Agawam High School is invited to get together at an alumnae athletes dinner to take place on December 17th at the Cavalier Steak House, 366 Chicopee Street, Willimansett (Chicopee) beginning at 6:30 p.m. Managers, coaches, players, and scorekeepers are all invited.

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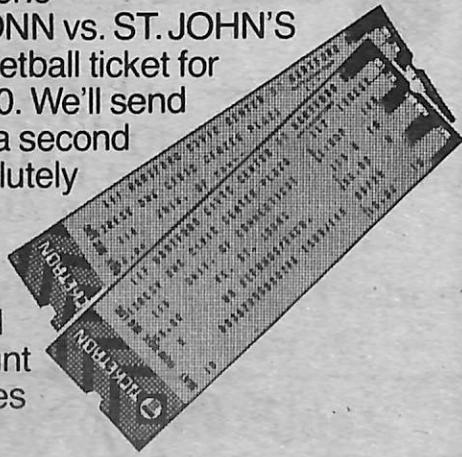
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VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER COACH BARBARA STEVENS (center) is flanked by departing seniors Tami Fassnacht and Lori Costa at the Parents Association Soccer Banquet Sunday night. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.



DEPARTING AHS SOCCER SENIORS, from left: John Duggan, Jim Podgorski, Art Chase and their coach, Robert Sartwell, pose at the AHS Parents Association Soccer Banquet at the Polish American Club last Sunday night. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Banquet Ends Successful Soccer Season

By Charles J. Duclos

The Polish American Club in Feeding Hills was the scene of last Sunday's banquet which honored the Agawam High School soccer squads for a season well done. Sponsored by the school's parents association, the event saw all players receiving trophies, certificates and/or letters.

Both teams were lauded by Mrs. Charlotte Venturini, the parents association president, as well as by AHS Principal John Morrissey for outstanding seasonal records and overall contributions to the community.

The two varsity squads reached the Western Mass. tournament, although each was eliminated in the first round. Nevertheless, it was a fine testimonial to coaches Barbara Stevens and Bob Sartwell of the girls and boys varsity squads respectively.

The girls varsity turned in an impressive 10-4-4 overall record, while their male counterparts recorded a 9-5-2 for the log.

The players from their individual teams voted the following persons into this season's spotlight and arena of recognitions: SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD - Lori Costa, winning this award for the third straight year; and John Duggan for the boys; MOST IMPROVED PLAYER AWARD - Peggy Foley, and Jean Nicole; ROOKIE OF THE YEAR - Pam Rowen

and Tony Caputo. Receiving the MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARD which was voted on by their respective coaches was Chris Altobelli and John Duggan.

In the junior varsity lineup, Mike Charest and Barb Kierkla received the SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD; Steve Jury and Maria Ollari copped the ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD; MOST IMPROVED PLAYER went to Paul Ciborowski and Jolene Mercadante.

Captains for next years boys varsity team will be Dave Stratton, Kevin Kamyk and Phil Podgor斯基.

Seniors bidding farewell to the program this year are: Chris Altobelli, Lori Costa, Tami Fassnacht, Peg Foley, Kelly Lizewski, Karen Mazza, Diane Ouellette, Tony Caputo, Art Chase, Mike Cormier, Dave Duclos, John Duggan, Tim Guarnieri, David Jenks, Tony Liquori, Bill O'Brien, Jim Podgorski, Carmen Romeo and Tony Venturini.

A banner behind the head table was inscribed: "We do it with our feet" might have included the word BETTER as the Brownies turned in one of the best overall records in the school's soccer history.

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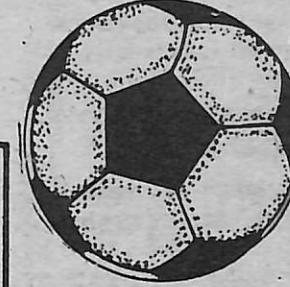
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Craig Cosby, a sophomore at American International College, was a member of the 1981 soccer team in which they set a school record of most wins in a season with 8 wins and 10 losses.

Cosby saw limited action this season, but displayed much desire when put into the game. He will be seeing much more action in the next season.

Cosby is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cosby of Feeding Hills and is majoring in business management.

Mario Mercadante had a fine year for the AIC football team, despite their dismal 1-8 record.

Mercadante, a sophomore running back for the Yellow Jackets, saw limited action this year, but will be counted on heavily to get AIC back on the winning track in the 1982 season. He carried the ball 16 times for 30 yards with his longest gain being six yards.

Mercadante is the son of Roland Mercadante of 54 Kensington Street, Feeding Hills. He has not as yet declared a major field of study at the college.

Harm Smith Comm. Thanks Residents

The Scholarship Committee in honor of the memory of former Agawam High football coach and athletic director, Harmon Smith, today announced that over \$900 has been raised for a yearly scholarship to be presented to a senior athlete competing in inter-scholastic sports at the high school.

A \$100 scholarship will be presented in June to a senior athlete who best exemplifies athletic ability, scholarship and citizenship both in and out of competition. A student's need will also be assessed in the awarding of the scholarship.

Smith led Agawam High football over a span of four decades. He was named to the Massachusetts Coaches Hall of Fame and is regarded as one of the all-time greats in coaching in New England. Smith passed away this past August.

The Scholarship Committee wishes to thank those residents and businesses who contributed to the scholarship drive in memory of this great coach and humanitarian.

Members of the Scholarship Committee who will be considering the winner of the 1982 award are: Athletic Director Clifford Kibbe, and former AHS football players Joseph Pisano, William Keeley and Thomas Knight.

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Agawam's Dick Atkinson Southwick's Cross Country Success Story

By Chris Hout

Since 1962, Southwick cross country coach and Agawam resident Dick Atkinson, has guided his harriers to 8 Bi-County titles, 4 Valley Wheel titles, 2 Western Mass. championships and 1 undefeated season (1981).

After 19 years of roadwork, the Florida Drive resident is still having fun at what he does best - coaching.

"I'm still getting an awful lot of satisfaction from coaching," said Atkinson. "I love running with the guys in practice. We have a lot of fun, plus we're winning."

Atkinson succeeded former Southwick coach Richard Utley in 1962, the second year of the then young and inept Southwick High cross country program. Atkinson recalls the early days of adversity well.

"In my first year as a coach we were a dismal 2-6. We were competitive but somewhat mediocre in the years to follow and then in 1969 we were a horrendous 1-11," said Atkinson. "I knew things had to get better after that season. How could it get any worse!"

Since that point in time, Atkinson has become the most successful coach in Western Mass., reeling off 14 major titles spanning the past 12 years.

For the past six seasons Southwick has been the premier Division II cross country team in Western Mass. Under Atkinson, Southwick has captured four Valley Wheel titles and 1 Western Mass. title in that time. The Rams have also won 26 of their last 27 meets.

"Dick is a very dedicated individual and I think that is the primary reason for his success," praised Southwick Athletic Director James Vincent. "He holds practices longer than most coaches do and I've even known him to hold a practice or two on the weekends."

Prior to joining the Southwick school system in 1962, Atkinson was employed at Mass Mutual Insurance Company. He also served in the U.S. Army.

Besides cross country, Atkinson is also the Southwick High track coach and is well known and liked by many former Agawam High School tracksters. Atkinson's son, Steve, is a former runner for Agawam High and watching him compete against his father spiced the always competitive Agawam-Southwick meets.

Showing his desire to work with young people, Atkinson joined the Agawam Park and Recreation Department in 1974 as a summer playground counselor. He served under Park and Rec Director Jack Kunasek.

"Dick was a great influence on our program," recalls Kunasek. "He was extremely well liked by all the kids. He was also an easy guy to work with and very dependable."

Dick can often be seen pounding the pavement on Leonard and Main Streets to keep in shape for both the cross country and track season, and for his own personal enjoyment.

He said of running, "It's a very special thing for me. If I stopped running I know I wouldn't feel as good about myself and my health would not be as good."

Also, added he, "Getting the most out of a young adult in the heat of competition is also a very special thing. We try to bring out the best in each individual and mold them into a team that pulls for each other and works together for individual and collective betterment. That's what has worked for us."

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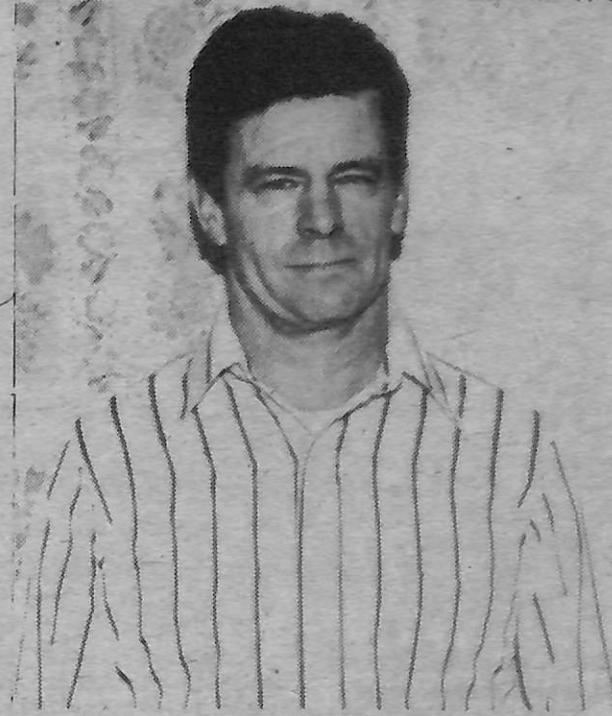
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Atkinson, after nineteen years, won't even think about retirement. He has accomplished virtually every honor that can be attained for himself and his teams. Retirement? Not for Dick.

"I haven't even begun to think about it yet," he said. "I'm having a lot of fun coaching. Besides, there is still a possibility that they might bring back the state meet (cross country no longer has a state championship meet), and we still haven't grabbed one of those. That's something to go for if it's available."

Atkinson's charges swept through an undefeated season this past fall before being stunned in the Western Mass. championships by Mt. Greylock. "We'd sure like to have that one back," he said.

As for the sport of running and jogging, Atkinson encourages residents to put on their sneakers and shorts and hit the pavements - slowly, he added. "Running can be a great thing providing you stick with it and work into it slowly. I suggest great preparation before beginning to jog. Prior warm-ups are very important and loosen tight muscles and make it easier. It's not fun at the beginning but once you get the hang of it, you will be hooked," he said.



AGAWAM RESIDENT DICK ATKINSON is one of the most successful coaches in Western Mass. with his Southwick Rams cross country team. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

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